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Study of I-93 ramping up

Town group meant to protect interests

By Greta Cuyler

Interested in the proposed Interstate 93 ramps that will flow into the Ballardvale area of southern Andover?

A new Andover group is being formed to help ensure that these new ramps are built with residents' interests in mind.

Town Manager Buzz Stapczynski recently convened an Andover I-93 Lowell Junction Task Force to evaluate the different design plans. Together, with a representative from the Board of Selectmen, the Andover task force will meet with representatives from Wilmington and Tewksbury.

"I would hope that we would first look at what's best for Andover's interests and then look at what's best regionally," said Chris Huntress, a member of the task force.

The group's first meeting was yesterday, Wednesday, after *Townsman* deadline.

The group can begin its work because regional planning officials last week laid out at least nine options for building the proposed multi-million dollar highway project. Some local officials called last week's meeting the most concise presentation so far in the Interstate-93 Lowell Junction Interchange project.

"I knew there were going to

be multiple options, but I didn't know there were that many," said Stapczynski. "That shows, in my mind, that people are doing some serious creative thinking on how to approach this."

The presentation by the Merrimack Valley Planning Commission was the latest milestone in the multi-year project, aimed at easing congestion on Ballardvale's streets and opening up development in Lowell Junction, where the towns of Wilmington, Andover and Tewksbury share a border.

The interchange will be located along I-93 between exits 41 and 42 in Andover. All three towns have pledged to work together to find an acceptable design.

"We want to make sure that Wilmington or Tewksbury doesn't do something that will adversely affect Andover by dumping a lot of traffic on our streets and vice versa," said Paul Salafia, Andover Planning Board chairman and liaison to the MVPC. "By working in one room, we can maximize our development possibilities while making it safe for everybody."

Although Andover has tried to jump start economic development in the southern end of town, it has been difficult, due to

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ANDOVER HIGH ENTRANCE

Is \$250K traffic light the answer?

By Greta Cuyler

Town Meeting will decide if a \$250,000 traffic signal at the entrance road to Andover High School is the solution to school-related congestion on Shawshen Road.

Police Chief Brian Pattullo said too many teenagers and their parents are driving students to school, creating heavy traffic near Andover High and West Middle schools as the school day starts and ends. While the size of the Andover High student body has been at an all-time high the past two years, a school bus fee also has contributed to the problem.

"Maybe we should say if you don't ride the bus and you show up at school, you pay a fee," said Pattullo. "I think a lot of people will get on the bus and it will cut down on traffic."

Safety Officer Bob Cronin said the traffic congestion on Shawshen Road is 20 minutes in the morning and 15 minutes in the afternoon.

Police made their comments at a budget discussion for the Department of Public Works last week.

Another option, putting in extra traffic lanes in front of the high school, might just enable cars to go faster.

"If I can be a little cynical, I think the traffic tie-ups that occur in the morning really makes it safer," said DPW Director Jack Petkus. "People can't drive through there fast, they can't pass people on the right as they're trying to get through — the sidewalks we've added, that's probably as safe as you can get."

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RECLAMATION MAN

Resident's work with sonar has helped divers make *Titanic*-like finds

PHOTO BY TIM JEAN

ENGINEER EXTRAORDINAIRE — Andover resident Marty Klein holds a model of a World War II Wellington bomber. The sonar equipment he invented helped searchers find such a plane — and many other historical items buried beneath the sea. Klein has been named to the National Academy of Engineering by his peers.

KLEIN RECOVERIES

Marty Klein of Andover has been named to the National Academy of Engineering. He was recognized for his contributions to ocean exploration as sonar equipment he developed is used in the recovery of high-value objects. Those objects recovered in part thanks to Klein's inventions include:

- many shipwrecks including the *Titanic*, *Lusitania* and *Edinburgh*
- wreckage from the *Challenger* space shuttle
- *Thresher*, a sunken submarine
- a 2,000-year-old ship off the coast of Turkey
- the only surviving World War II Wellington bomber
- wreckage from TWA Flight 800

By Judy Wakefield

Growing up, he was one of those boys who liked to tinker with things. Transistor radios were among his favorite things to tear apart and put back together. So no one was surprised when, after high school, Martin "Marty" Klein enrolled at MIT.

There, his tinkering skills came in handy working with much more sophisticated gadgets. For example, there was a deep sea camera and some sonar equipment then being used by the most famous of sea explorers, Jacques Costeau.

The equipment, sitting in an MIT lab 40 years ago, needed improvement. College student Klein needed a meaty thesis subject. The sea research gadgets were calling out to him, like one of the busted transistor radios of his youth.

Soon, Klein was hooked on learning more about sonar equipment, helping Costeau and other

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LAST OF A LINE

When Fire Chief retires, there will be no more Murnanes on the job for the first time in 95 years

By Brian Davidson

It's been almost 95 years since the Andover Fire Department was without a member of the Murnane family. That is expected to change later this year, when Fire Chief Charles "Chuck" Murnane retires.

"There's been a member of my family in the Andover Fire Department since 1912," Murnane said proudly. "And I'm the end of the line."

Currently one of the longest

serving town employees, Murnane said he will finally call it quits this year, after 37 years of service. He filed his retirement papers on Nov. 15, more than 13,300 days after his first day as an Andover fireman on April 20, 1969.

Murnane doesn't know exactly when he'll hang up the boots, but it will be sometime before the end of the year, he said.

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FILE PHOTO BY TIM JEAN

Fire Chief Charles "Chuck" Murnane, fire department head since 2000, plans to retire at the end of this year.

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Students at the Greater Lawrence Technical School are helping to build what will be a permanently affordable home on Heather Drive.

Selection to begin on ACT homes

Heather Drive neighbor says she should help select owner

By Brian Davidson

As the Andover Community Trust begins to accept applications for its two new affordable homes, a neighbor of one such home says she's upset she will not be allowed to help pick the future owners.

Louise Hart, a neighbor of ACT's under-construction 13 Heather Drive house, is unhappy with the selection process of the actual selection committee, saying she believes she was discriminated against because she does not have children in the public schools. ACT is a non-profit organization that builds permanently affordable homes.

"We thought that it would serve the process to have someone with children still at home because there will be children in the new household," said Susan Stott, ACT president.

ACT held the second of two mandatory informational meetings on Sunday, for any families interested in applying to live in one of the two affordable houses being offered this year. People representing about 45 total households attended the meetings to gather information about the properties and collect applications, said Stott. She expects

between 20 and 40 families to apply for the homes.

Aside from having attended one of the informational meetings, there are a number of requirements that applicants must meet to be eligible. Potential affordable home owners must be first time home buyers, have at least one child under 16 years old living with them, have a total household income of less than 80 percent of the Lawrence Primary Metropolitan Area median income, have total assets of less than \$50,000, display a good credit report, and be able to afford a down payment of at least 3 percent plus closing costs. Preference will go to those who have a connection to the Andover community, by former or current residency, employment or school enrollment. Families with three or four children younger than 16 are also preferred by the committee, said Stott.

While selection-committee members are set to choose the owners, and hope to do so by the end of April, Hart, the Heather Drive neighbor, is charging that she has been discriminated against because she was not included on the committee.

The committee is composed of Nancy Redding and Terry Anderson, who both served on the selection committee for the first ACT affordable home, on Haverhill Street, ACT member Susan Malloy and the most recently appointed member, Heather Drive resident Art McCabe, who represents the neighborhood voice. While McCabe's position on the committee was supposedly open to all neighbors, Hart claims that he was chosen over a year ago, before anyone else had a fair chance to apply.

"When ACT recently invited residents to make application for the committee (i.e. made an offer), they knew that membership on the committee was already closed," she wrote in an e-mail to the Townsman, after not being selected herself. Hart's claim that McCabe was "pre-selected" is based on a conversation she had with Stott, she said.

Stott, who called Hart "very helpful" to ACT's efforts to put an affordable home on Heather Drive, said that Hart misunderstood the conversation that the two had. According to Stott, McCabe volunteered to serve on

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TOWN BUDGET

State cuts still leave scars

Town officials: State aid remains below 2001 figures

By Brian Davidson

The Andover schools aren't the only things in the town's operating budget that Andover leaders believe are being shortchanged by the state.

While state aid for education has dropped \$1 million since fiscal year 2002, state lottery money has decreased as well, affecting other town departments, say officials. Since FY2001, state lottery aid to Andover has fallen from \$2.7 million to \$1.8 million this fiscal year, a \$900,000 loss for Andover's operating budget.

Meanwhile, the town is also dealing with the rising costs of items such as fuel, special education and health care.

The result for local residents? Fewer town services are offered, despite ever rising property taxes.

While state aid paid for 11.3 percent of the town's budget four years ago, it will pay for only 8.4 percent next year — a difference of \$1 million.

But Andover residents' soaring property taxes aren't driven by decreasing state aid, says Selectman Brian Major. He believes Andover would be taxing to the maximum allowed under Proposition 2 1/2 even if the state had not cut funding. In FY2002 the town collected \$67 million in prop-

erty taxes, while for next year, FY2007, the town manager projects that town will raise \$87 million in property taxes.

"Even with more state aid we'd probably still be taxing the maximum," said Major. "If we got more state money, we'd probably just spend more. Realistically, it wouldn't save the taxpayers any money."

What it could do is allow the town offer more services, or the same services without fees. Parents of school children can pay fees for all-day kindergarten, after-school activities including sports and busing for their children.

With school costs making up an estimated 45.3 percent of next year's operating budget, town and school officials hope receiving more Chapter 70 state education aid will ease budgetary pressure. In a joint effort with other suburban communities and local legislators, the town is lobbying for the state to grant a minimum of \$2,000 for each of its public school students. This would mean an increase of at least \$1,097 per Andover pupil.

"It would be a miracle if we got \$2,000 per student," said School Committee member Tony James. "But even if we got part of the way there it would be terrific for the town."

STATE EDUCATION AID (CH. 70 MONEY)

Fiscal year	Aid to town	change
2002	\$6.2 million	
2003	\$6.2 million	none
2004	\$4.9 million	-20.0%
2005	\$4.9 million	none
2006	\$5.2 million	+5.9%
2007	\$5.8 million	+10.5%

(Fiscal year 2007 numbers are projected)

STATE LOTTERY AID

Fiscal year	Aid to town	change
2001	\$2.7 million	
2002	\$1.9 million	-32.2%
2003	\$1.7 million	-9.4%
2004	\$1.6 million	-6.2%
2005	\$1.6 million	none
2006	\$1.8 million	+14.7%
2007	\$2.2 million	+20.7%

(Fiscal year 2007 numbers are projected)

School eyes more of budget pie

By Colin Steele

Adam Poirier and his family moved to town seven years ago because of its reputation for "exceptionally strong public schools," he said.

But nearly half the parents in his neighborhood send their children to private schools, and that makes him wonder whether Superintendent Claudia Bach is right when she says years of budget cuts have left Andover with a "deteriorating education-

al system."

Poirier was among about 50 parents who attended a town-wide Parent Teacher Organization forum last week to learn what they can do to support the schools this budget season.

Bach has requested a \$55.7 million budget that would restore some of the programs and positions cut in recent years, but it exceeds the town manager's recommended amount by about \$760,000.

"I don't know where the money's going to come from," said Poirier, whose daughter attends first grade at Shawshen Elementary School.

So far, Bach and the School Committee aren't saying where the money should come from either. But they are setting the stage for a what could be a showdown vote on the Town Meeting floor this spring to shift town money from other services to education.

Without suggesting any specific cuts in town spending, they urged parents at a Feb. 15 meeting to read the town's non-school budget and ask if some of that money would be better spent on the schools.

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IN BRIEF

PAST AND PRESENT



OLDER PHOTO COURTESY OF ANDOVER HISTORICAL SOCIETY; MODERN-DAY PHOTO BY TIM JEAN
The top photo shows the site of the former Andover Playhouse on Essex Street in the 1950. The original name was the Colonial Theater, which opened in 1912. The building later was home to the town's senior center for a time. The building was leveled to expand the library parking lot in 1985.

DivorceCare

DivorceCare, a non-denominational Christian support group will meet at the Parish House of Free Christian Church, 28 Elm St., Andover.

A new group will begin Tuesday, March 7 and meet for 12 weeks from 7 to 9 p.m.

There is a small fee to cover the cost of materials.

For more information or to register, contact the church office at 978-475-0700.

Addiction fight

Celebrate Recovery, a Christ-centered group for those struggling with any type of addiction, meets every Monday from 7 to 9 p.m. at the Free Christian Church, 31 Elm St. The new group is free and open to all.

Time for a career change?

Careers in health care, hospitality, criminal justice, accounting, computers and liberal arts will be the focus of a Tuesday, March 7 Career Night to be held on Northern Essex Community College's Lawrence Campus, 45 Franklin St.

The Career Night will begin at 6 p.m. sharp in the atrium and anyone who is considering a career in one of these fields is invited to attend the free program. They will have the opportunity to talk with program coordinators and faculty and financial aid and admissions staff. The program will end at approximately 8 p.m.

For more information or to reserve a space, contact the school's admissions office at 978-556-3700. NECC has campuses in Haverhill and Lawrence and extension sites in Andover and Methuen.

Late fee on dogs

Dog license renewal notices were sent to resident dog owners in mid December.

The town clerk reports that "there has been a great response to the dog license renewal notice with more than 1,700 dogs licensed to date. However, there are many dogs that have not yet been licensed." Owners who have not licensed their dogs by March 1, will be assessed a monthly administration fee. According to town by-laws, and dog licensed after February will include a cumulative fee of \$2 per month added to the \$10 fee.

Quote, unquote . . .

MAYBE WE SHOULD SAY if you don't ride the bus and you show up at school, you pay a fee. I think a lot of people will get on the bus and it will cut down on traffic.

— Police Chief Brian Pattullo, about how to improve traffic congestion around Andover High School during the time immediately before and after school. (Story, page 1)

THE PLAY IS ABOUT THE PROBLEMS PEOPLE FACE after getting out of prison and the images that they must fight for the rest of their lives. You can be exonerated, but on every application for work for the rest of your life, you have to put down that you committed a crime.

— Father Richard Priatt, who produced *The Exonerated*, a production at Merrimack College this weekend that tells the real-life stories of wrongfully convicted death-row inmates. (Story in Arts, page 13)

News Calendar

Thursday, Feb. 23

Disability Commission, Memorial Hall Library, activity room, 7 p.m.

Monday, Feb. 27

Board of Assessors, Town Offices, assessors conference room, 9:30 a.m.

Andover Contributory Retirement Board, Town Offices, third-floor conference room, 1 p.m.

Finance Committee, Town Offices, first-floor conference room, 7 p.m.

Board of Selectmen, Town Offices, third-floor conference room, 7 p.m.

Doherty Middle School, McGrail Media Center, 7 p.m.

Tuesday, Feb. 28

Planning Board, Town Offices,

third-floor conference room, 7:30 p.m.

Wednesday, March 1

Finance Committee/Board of Selectmen, Town Offices, third-floor conference room, 7 p.m.

Thursday, March 2

Zoning Board of Appeals, Memorial Hall Library, conference room, 7 p.m.

Ballardvale Historic District Commission, Town Offices, second-floor conference room, 7 p.m.

Saturday, March 4

Zoning Board of Appeals, Memorial Hall Library, conference room, 9 a.m.

Free support for kids who have lost loved ones

Merrimack Valley Hospice will be offering "Canvases of Hope," a bereavement support group focusing on expressive arts to meet the unique needs of children ages 8 to 11 who have lost a loved one through death. The group will be held for six weeks on Tuesday afternoons beginning on March 7 from 4 to 5:30 p.m. at the Free Christian Church Parish House, 28 Elm St. in Andover.

This group will focus on the arts as well as other expressive therapies, such as storytelling, games and poetry to help participants sort through issues of loss and healing. Specially trained Merrimack Valley Hospice

counselors, Emily Nahlik, licensed social worker, and Keri Walczynski, counseling intern, will facilitate the group. It is open to all children 8 to 11 in the Merrimack Valley and is free. Pre-registration is required and space is limited.

"Children often experience loss differently from adults," said Nahlik. "We've designed a program that will help children explore these feelings in a creative and encouraging environment."

To register to receive further information, contact Keri Walczynski at 978-552-4613 or Emily Nahlik at 978-552-4898 from Merrimack Valley Hospice.

Register to vote in town election, meeting by March 8

The last day for new registrants to register to vote for both the town election and Town Meeting is Wednesday, March 8. The town clerk's office at 36 Bartlet St. will be open for voter registration until 8 p.m. that day.

Mail in voter registration forms are available at the Town Offices, Memorial Hall Library and Post Offices and must be post marked no later than March 8 to be valid for voting at the town election and Town Meeting.

The annual town election will

take place on Tuesday, March 28. All precincts will be voting at the Andover High School Field House on Shawsheen Road from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m. The entrance to the polling place is in back of the field house. Parking will be available for voters behind the field house.

Elected offices on the ballot are the following: Moderator, one position for one year; selectman, two positions for three years; School Committee, two positions for three years; Andover Housing Authority, one

position for five years; Greater Lawrence Regional Vocational Technical School District Committee, one position for three years; and Trustee of Punchard Free School, five positions for three years.

School Committee members Arthur Barber and Tony James have returned their papers for reelection and Ann Weld is also a candidate. Selectmen Brian Major and Ted Teichert turned in their papers for reelection and will be challenged by Joseph Leone, another new candidate.

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Traffic and Andover High: \$250,000 light the solution?

■ \$250,000 LIGHT
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Crossing guards are legally prohibited from directing traffic, said Petkus.

Pattullo said he does not have enough police officers to dispatch one for traffic duty two

times a day.

Pamela Eaton of 20 Lincoln St. says she opposes installing a traffic signal for what she calls "180 days a year for half an hour." She suggested that people leave home a little bit earlier to combat the tie-ups.

"I don't think this is my tax dollars well spent," she said.

One parent said that high school students drive their cars to school because they have after school activities or jobs and there is no late bus available.

DPW included the traffic signal as part of the 2007 proposed capital improvement projects at the request of Town Manager Buzz Stapczynski.

Voters at the April Town Meeting voters will decide whether to install a sensor-based

flashing red light on Shawshen Road in front of the high school. DPW suggests installing the light so that it could be converted to a full traffic signal in the future if necessary.

If taxpayers approve the project, a signal will also be

installed at Lincoln Circle, at the suggestion of a traffic engineer.

The Board of Selectmen will soon decide which CIP projects to endorse.

"This one may very well not make the cut," said Selectman Brian Major.

POLICE LOG

ARRESTS

Wednesday, Feb. 15 - At 3:07 p.m., William Hoffman, 34, homeless, was arrested and charged on outstanding warrants from Haverhill for disorderly conduct and resisting arrest.

Thursday, Feb. 16 - At 8:23 p.m., Rachel A. Catt, 42, of 165 North Main St., Andover, was arrested and charged with indecent assault and battery on a child under 14, failure to grant right of way at an intersection, negligent operation of a motor vehicle, second offense of operating under the influence of liquor and having an open container of liquor in a motor vehicle. Also involved was Kendra L. Strobel, 43, of 8 Ridge St., Andover, who was arrested and charged with disorderly conduct.

Friday, Feb. 17 - At 10:23 a.m., Andover's Gift Shop reported that they had a shoplifter giving them a hard time. As a result, a juvenile was arrested and charged with assault and battery and shoplifting by concealing merchandise.

INCIDENTS

Wednesday, Feb. 15 - At 7:32 p.m., an employee at a Main Street business reported that he apprehended a teenage male for shoplifting. An officer brought the juvenile back to the station to call his parents.

Saturday, Feb. 18 - At 8:55 p.m., a resident reported that they just witnessed a male in a blue parka walking down their neighbors driveway, but caller knows that those neighbors are out of town. A detective reported that there was no problem. The man in the blue parka was the dog sitter.

Monday, Feb. 20 - At 6:09 p.m., a man came into the police station to report that he received a credit card he did not apply for.

Tuesday, Feb. 21 - At 11:37 a.m., a resident came into the police station to report that her son had put a \$4,000 utility bill in his father's name.

At 1:34 p.m., police received a report of vandalism sometime over the weekend on Minuteman Road.

AUTO INCIDENTS

Wednesday, Feb. 15 - At 11:13 p.m., a man reported that his motor vehicle was broken into on River Road.

Friday, Feb. 17 - At 1:58 p.m., a Beacon Street resident reported that he thought there was a stolen car in his backyard. The car was a Honda Civic and the ignition was missing. Police confirmed the car was stolen, that it was stripped and not much



High Street closed as winds approaching 60 mph downed trees and knocked out power across the Merrimack Valley on Friday.

was left of it. The car was towed.

Monday, Feb. 20 - At 8:05 a.m., police received a report that car speakers were stolen from a motor vehicle.

At 1:43 p.m., police received a report that a JVC radio/DVD/CD worth \$350 and a Garmin GPS worth \$550 was stolen from a vehicle at Riverview Commons.

Tuesday, Feb. 21 - At 5:14 p.m., a woman reported that her vehicle was broken into sometime between 2 p.m. and the time of the report. Her vehicle was located in the 800 block of Federal Street. While the officer was on the scene, he noticed that a second vehicle nearby had its front window smashed. Stolen from the second car was a gym bag, sneakers, pants and headphones.

AUTO ACCIDENTS

Monday, Feb. 20 - At 3:16 p.m., report of a motor-vehicle crash with personal injury on Central Street. The fire department and an ambulance requested.

THEFTS

Friday, Feb. 17 - At 11:41 a.m., police received a report of cash missing from a River Road hotel.

Sunday, Feb. 19 - At 3:31 p.m., a resident reported that she was missing some items from her home. She added that she has had people doing work in her house.

Monday, Feb. 20 - At 2:20 p.m., a resident reported that she received a package from Arizona, but the contents had been removed and substituted with her own trash. The woman thought her neighbor was responsible. According to Andover Lt. Arthur Ricci, the neighbor told the officer that when her husband

Police: Driver almost hit chief

By Jim Patten

A woman arrested for drunken driving drew attention to herself by nearly colliding head-on with police Chief Brian Pattullo last Thursday night on Railroad Street.

And that was after she grabbed an 11-year-old boy and kissed him, police said.

Lt. James D. Hashem said Pattullo was driving on Railroad Street near the Richdale store about 8:30 p.m. when he saw a car backing out of the Richdale parking lot, causing an oncoming car to swerve off the road to avoid a collision.

"Then the car turned into the chief's lane and almost struck the chief, who had to swerve off the road to avoid it," Hashem said.

Pattullo turned his cruiser around, flipped on the blue lights and pulled the car over.

When he walked up to the car, the driver refused to roll her window down even though Pattullo, who was in plain clothes, identified himself as a police officer, Hashem said.

The passenger, another woman, made an obscene gesture at the chief and the car took off, Hashem said.

Pattullo called for backup and officers stopped the car

further down Railroad Street, Hashem said.

The passenger, Kendra Strobel, 43, of 8 Ridge St., tried to interrupt the field sobriety tests. She was told several times to get back in the car but refused, became confrontational and was arrested and charged with disorderly conduct, Hashem said.

The driver failed the field sobriety tests and was arrested. Hashem said while officers were waiting for the tow truck to remove her car, four 11-year-old boys approached them and told them while they were at the Richdale, the driver of the car grabbed one of them, kissed him and told him she wanted to have sex with him.

The driver of the car, Rachel Catt, 42, of 165 N. Main St., was charged with driving under the influence of alcohol (second offense), indecent assault and battery on a child under 14, negligent operation of a vehicle, and failure to grant the right of way at an intersection.

Catt was arrested last September in town and charged with disorderly conduct and assault and battery on a police officer. The charges were continued without a finding.

woke up on Sunday morning, he found an empty box addressed to his neighbor and trash on the lawn. He collected the trash, put it in the

box along with a rock in and stuck it in his neighbor's driveway.

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SEX OFFENDER REGISTRY

Staunch defense for man who police say failed to register

By Greta Cuyler

A convicted sex offender has had his day in court — actually, he has had 10, so far.

While Andover police believe they have a clear-cut case against Peter Paquette, a convicted sex offender they say failed to register as a sex offender with the state, his court-appointed lawyer has filed nine different motions on his client's behalf.

Paquette's lawyer, Alexander Cain of Andover, has requested that witnesses from the man's decades-old sexual assault convictions come forward to confirm that Paquette was in fact the

judge 10 times during the past 13 months, as Paquette's lawyer has filed motions.

Other motions that Cain has filed include requests to sequester witnesses, to excuse Paquette from the court during victim and witness testimony, to change the venue, and additional peremptory jury challenges. Cain has also requested the court eliminate all of Paquette's statements made during interviews with the Andover and Methuen police departments because they failed to turn over audiotape copies of the interviews.

"It's unexplainable... You're either registered as a sex offender or you're not. He's not."

ANDOVER DET. SGT. DONALD PATTULLO

Taxpayers pay for Paquette's defense as Cain, a former district attorney, is serving as Paquette's court-appointed lawyer. Andover residents have paid \$400 in police overtime costs for the times local police have been required to appear in court, according to Pattullo.

"If the public really knew what happened to each and every case in court, they'd be appalled," said Pattullo.

"The average citizen thinks if someone commits an armed robbery or assault, they might actually go to jail. Well guess what, they don't. If they do, it's nowhere near the amount of time on the books."

Andover Police arrested Paquette in January 2005 following an unrelated incident at the Methuen Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints that resulted in the arrest of church member Kevin F. Curlew of Dracut. Curlew was allegedly sexually abusing a child inside the church.

Methuen Police have said that no one from the church has made any allegations against Paquette. But Methuen police investigated Paquette after learning that he, along with Curlew, was put in charge of watching children during church services.

As a result, they discovered that Paquette, a former volunteer librarian at the church, allegedly had failed to register with the state's sex offender registry. Methuen officers notified Andover Police.

Andover Police have said they are concerned about the state's ability to keep track of sex offenders.

Paquette's trial begins in Lawrence District Court on March 8. If convicted, he could face up to five years in prison.

"It's unexplainable," said Andover Police Sgt. Donald Pattullo. "You're either a (convicted) sex offender or you're not. He's a sex offender. You're either registered as a sex offender or you're not. He's not."

Both Cain and Steve O'Connell, spokesman for the Essex County District Attorney's Office, declined to comment on the pending case.

Paquette, 60, has two 1970 convictions in Somerville District Court for indecent assault and battery on a child, and another conviction for the same charge in 1984 at Chelsea District Court.

He was arrested in January 2005 after an unrelated investigation by Methuen police led police to believe he had not filed mandatory annual information checks with the Massachusetts Sex Offender Registry Board since 1997.

When questioned by Andover police, Paquette admitted to receiving multiple notices from the Sex Offender Registry Board, claimed Pattullo.

Paquette is a Level 1 offender, considered to be the lowest risk for committing repeat offenses. He is required to register annually by mail with the Sex Offender Registry Board. Paquette is being charged with failing to register as a sex offender and has pleaded not guilty to that charge, said O'Connell.

The case has gone before a

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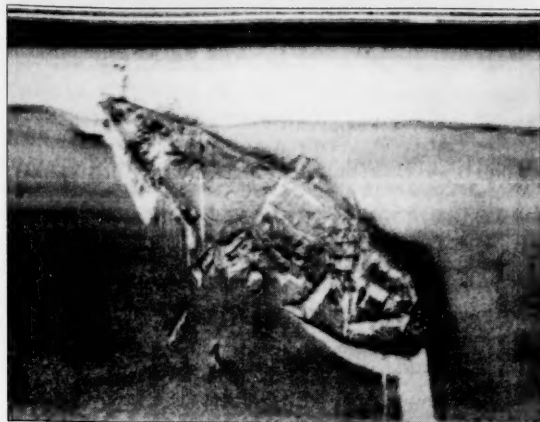
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The Vineyard (seen in the photo at right) went down in a storm in Buzzards Bay, off Cape Cod, in 1944. Andover resident Marty Klein's side scan sonar equipment helped divers find it, by giving them images of the bay floor such as that at left.

Reclaiming things from the deep

■ SONAR

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researchers see what lurked on the bottom of the earth's oceans.

"They wanted better equipment because the pictures were fuzzy. They needed better photos of the sea bed. This was back in the '60s," said Klein.

Klein went on to make a living perfecting sonar equipment that is still used in underwater exploration today.

Those most familiar with his work clearly appreciate his dedication and knowledge. The Andover resident just found out he has been elected to the National Academy of Engineering. His induction ceremony will take place this fall.

A research diver nominated him, as divers are the ones who truly understand the value of Klein's sonar equipment. Unfortunately, Klein suffered from ear troubles as a youngster and could never dive under water to use his own equipment.

"Very frustrating," he said.

But he has taken great satisfaction from those who benefit from his equipment, which helps explorers pinpoint the exact locations of sunken treasures.

For example, the sunken submarine *Thresher*, which went down off the coast of Massachusetts, was recovered with the help of Klein's sonar equipment. Klein participated in designing and installing the first side-scan sonar on the deep-sea research boat *Trieste*, which found the sunken submarine.

"It was like going to the moon," Klein said of the excitement back in 1963 when divers went down seven miles to the bottom of the ocean in search of the *Thresher*, and found it.

His sonar equipment would continue to be crucial for underwater exploration and recovery. The list of treasures found got longer and longer as the years passed. A 2,000-year-old ship was found off the coast of Turkey. A trip to Loch Ness resulted in finding the only surviving World War II Wellington



Klein with an early prototype of his sonar equipment in 1965.

bomber. His sonar equipment would also help find the Titanic and the Edinburgh along with part of NASA's ill-fated *Challenger* space shuttle. Sonar equipment is used to recover those important black boxes when planes crash and currently helps the military locate mines in the Persian Gulf.

"It's very important to history and that's gratifying to me," the 1962 MIT graduate said of his life's work. "It really is the history ... There is so much history to be found."

For years, Klein ran his sonar equipment business in Salem,

N.H. He was named Small Business Person of the Year for the state of New Hampshire in 1983 and received many other awards before his company was sold in 1989.

The divorced father of two has lived in Andover for the past 21 years and is enjoying retirement with consulting work and

tending to his Japanese bonsai trees.

He's off to his induction in October when that boy who loved to tinker with transistors will be saluted for growing into a man who has made significant contributions to ocean exploration. "Gratifying, very gratifying," he humbly said.



Klein poses with the gun turret from the only surviving World War II Wellington bomber. In 1978, sonar equipment helped find the bomber at the bottom of Loch Ness. The bomber was eventually raised and brought to Brooklands, a museum outside London.



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Last year for chief

■ MURNANE

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said, depending upon when the town finds his replacement.

"I really don't want go, and it's going to be difficult for me to go down to Florida to play golf all the time," he said, without a hint of sarcasm. "But I guess it's just that time of life."

Murnane will move down to his house in Fort St. Lucy, Fla., about 40 miles northwest of West Palm, where he says he'll remember his years in Andover fondly.

"I'll miss the atmosphere of the fire department the most," he said. "Since I was a little kid I was brought up in the fire department."

Murnane's grandfather, father and uncle were all Andover firemen. Together, the Murnane men have served the department for 133 years. Chief Murnane was promoted to lieutenant in 1978, and made deputy in 1985, before becoming the first fire chief of the family in 2000.

He was fire chief as Andover's new public safety center was built, and Central Station firefighters had to use temporary quarters, such as those at Spring Grove Cemetery.

Schools seek cash

■ BUDGET

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"We need to sit together and really look hard at priorities," committee member Anthony James said.

He and his colleagues had the same message earlier in the day at a meeting with the Eagle-Tribune's editorial board in North Andover.

"I don't think there's an appetite for a Proposition 2½ override ... but I'm not sure there's an appetite for continuing the cuts we've made over the last two years," School Committee Chairwoman Debra Silberstein said.

School Committee members said they are running the schools responsibly and blamed federal and state cuts for their budget woes (see related story, page 2). Both governments are passing on more costs to local school districts, but the committee is working to change that, James said.

Bach and the School Committee support a bill, filed by state Rep. James Eldridge, D-Acton, that would set the minimum amount of state education aid at \$1,500 per student for every school district. This year, Andover receives \$903 per student, ranking 302nd out of 329 districts.

The state distributes education aid based on a formula linked to the community's wealth, which favors less affluent cities and towns.

The Eldridge bill would increase Andover's aid from \$5.2 million to more than \$9 million — enough to cover Bach's requested budget increase. The town's schools will likely get more aid this year, but not that much, said state Rep. Barbara L'Italien, D-Andover.

Affordable homes

■ ACT

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the selection committee more than a year ago, and was the only neighbor to do so. With new residents now living on Heather Drive, Stott said that ACT recently reopened the position, and McCabe was still the only neighbor to volunteer who has children enrolled in the Andover school system and living at home.

While Hart said she is experienced in affordable housing initiatives, she no longer has children living at home. McCabe has two school age children and was announced as the fourth

member of the selection committee last week.

However Hart said that McCabe is one of only two households on Heather Drive with children enrolled in the Andover school system, and that such a standard is discriminatory. Hart said that she intends to file a complaint with the Massachusetts Commission Against Discrimination, as well as with the offices of the Governor and of the Attorney General.

"It's exclusion and discrimination," she said. "It's anti-democracy, and we need to protect democracy at the local level."

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Meet candidates for office

Voters can meet the candidates for local office at a few different forums next month.

Residents are invited for coffee and donuts at Banknorth on Main Street on Saturday, March 4 from 9 a.m. until noon. The event, sponsored by the League of Women Voters, will offer residents a chance to talk one-on-one with candidates.

On Thursday, March 9, the League of Women Voters will sponsor a candidate's forum. The event will begin at 7 p.m. in Memorial Hall, on the top floor of the library. This event will also be broadcast on Channel 8.

The next day, the Andover Senior Center is sponsoring another candidates forum, beginning at 9:30 a.m. at the center.

All events are free and open to the public.

BRIEFS

Afarian has opened doors to Prime Mortgage Associates

Greg Afarian, a 30-year resident of the Andovers and a 1991 graduate of Andover High School, recently opened the doors of Prime Mortgage Associates LLC in North Andover.

The Andover native has been helping local residents own homes since 1996. He has closed more than \$400 million in mortgage loans, he says.

Prime Mortgage Associates is located at 18 Waverly Road in North Andover.



Greg Afarian

Career Fair at Merrimack

All residents of the Merrimack Valley who hold a bachelor's degree from any institution are invited to join Merrimack College students in attending the annual Career Fair at Merrimack College. Approximately 50 companies, looking to fill positions in a variety of careers, will send representatives to the fair to recruit new employees.

The fair will be next Thursday, March 2 from 3:30 to 6:30 p.m. in the multi-purpose room in the Sakowich Campus Center on the campus of Merrimack College. The college is located at the intersection of Routes 114 and 125 near the Andover/North Andover line. For information, contact Beverly Hutton at 978-837-5362.

Maraghy named MC trustee

Patrick B. Maraghy, executive vice president of RINET Company LLC of Boston, has been appointed to the Merrimack College Board of Trustees. A Merrimack alumnus, he earned a bachelor's degree in accounting in 1968 and holds an MBA from DePaul University in Chicago, Ill.

Maraghy has been employed with RINET since 1977. In 1999, RINET merged into Boston Private Financial Holdings Inc., a publicly traded wealth management company. Maraghy has direct client responsibility for several individuals, couples, families, trusts and charitable entities. He develops tax and financial plans, asset allocations, estate planning analyses and assists clients with sophisticated charitable gifting strategies. He is also involved with screening and recommending alternative investments for his clients.

Prior to his position at RINET, Maraghy worked for many years as a tax manager at PriceWaterhouse & Company, where he began his career. He is a certified public accountant and is a member of the American Institute of CPAs and the Massachusetts Society of CPAs. He is also a member of the Boston Estate Planning Council.

Treasurer of the Board of Directors of Central Catholic High School in Lawrence, Maraghy also serves as the chairman of the Finance Committee and as a member of the school's executive, investment, nominating and strategic planning committees. He has also served as chairman of the Finance Committee and as a member of the Advisory Council of St. Augustine School in Andover.

Maraghy lives with his wife Grace and their two children in Andover.

Two from town make top doctors list

Nelken, Hurley among 250 named as 'best doctors' by *Boston* magazine

By Judy Wakefield

Stacy Gaetano of Andover carries her "questions for the pediatrician" notebook as if it were a diaper bag. The notebook is always handy — and a godsend when it's time to visit the pediatrician.

"I'm one of those nervous moms," is how this mother of two children, ages 1 and 4, describes herself.

Pediatrician Robert Nelken of Andover Pediatrics welcomes the notebook and sits quietly beside Gaetano when she asks her most recent list of questions.

In this rushed world of health care, some doctors might frown upon people armed with such notebooks, Gaetano said. But not Nelken.

Here, it's all about "placating nervous moms," Gaetano said. It's a style she appreciates.

Apparently, lots of young moms like the style, as Nelken has been named to *Boston* magazine's list of top doctors in the state. Local urologist Liam Hurley, of Northeast Urologic Surgery, was also named to the list. Both doctors live in Andover.

The list was taken from a survey conducted by Best Doctors, a Boston-based company that polls physicians every year. The company surveyed several doctors and asked this question: "If you or a loved one needed a doctor in your specialty, who would you choose?" The list named 250 doctors in 30 fields.

"It's a nice feeling when others in your profession (vote for you)," said Nelken, who has lived in town since he joined Andover Pediatrics in 1980.

Now a grandfather of a 4-month-old, he said he was "completely" surprised when he heard he made the list of top doctors.



PHOTO BY TIM JEAN

Matt Gaetano, 4, of Andover, received some stickers and an immunization shot from Dr. Robert Nelken, an Andover pediatrician who made *Boston* magazine's list of 250 top doctors in the state.

"I was at an engagement party in Boston when a woman said, 'Congratulations.' I had no idea what she was talking about," Nelken said.

Hurley was also surprised when he learned he made the list.

"I'm honored," said this father of three, whose wife is expecting again in



COURTESY PHOTO

Urologist and town resident Liam Hurley was also named to list.

August. "I work with a great team and I really like being part of such a good group."

Hurley, who is a surgeon with privileges at Lawrence General, Caritas Christi and Parkland hospitals and has offices in North Andover and Salem, N.H., has lived in Andover for the past 11 years.

While most of the

doctors listed are affiliated with Boston's big medical schools and hospitals, Hurley said it was great to see some suburban doctors listed.

"I think it's an honor to be selected and to be a community person," he said.

And making the list is good for business, Hurley said.

"Who knows?" was his answer when asked if people really use the list when they are looking for a doctor. "But, when you think about it, being on the list can only help (business)."

I-93 ramp program

RAMPS

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the lack of easy highway access to the area.

Every day more than 6,000 employees commute to the Lowell Junction companies, including Gillette and Wyeth. The traffic causes congestion on local roads.

No matter which design the towns choose, the Massachusetts Highway Department will have the final say on which design will be built. Salafia said that although several of the designs presented last week are not buildable, the designs still need to be presented to show they have been considered.

"I think there were three or so options that could be built," he said, adding that there are a couple of additional designs in the works.

At least three of the potential design plans shown last week focused on accommodating a 750,000 square foot mall on the west side of I-93 in Tewksbury. The mall is the being proposed by Mills Corp. of Arlington, Va.

Salafia said the Planning Board is keeping abreast of the project because the board will have to weigh in on any future development in the area, particularly if the area becomes a new mini-town center.

"I am positive that a great design will come out of a collaborative effort," said Salafia.

Residents interested in volunteering for the town's I-93 Lowell Junction Task Force should contact the town manager at 978-623-8225.

FIRSTHAND EXPERIENCE: SHADOW PROGRAM AT RAYTHEON



COURTESY PHOTO

Nine students from the Greater Lawrence Technical School recently had a unique opportunity to experience the engineering profession firsthand by "shadowing" engineers at Raytheon Integrated Defense Systems' Missile Defense Center in Woburn. The event was designed to demonstrate how skills learned in school relate to the workplace and to encourage students to consider careers in engineering and technology. Participating in the job shadowing event at Raytheon Company were (first row, from left): Raytheon engineers Beverly Leclerc and Ogechi Ibe; student Stacy Gutierrez; and Raytheon engineers Dale Cripe, Alfreda Purdon and Annie Chan; (second row, from left): student David Pollack; Raytheon engineer Matthew Leach; students Brian Jaime, Alan Ramos and Steve Lebel; and Greater Lawrence Technical School teacher Dale LaRocque; (third row, from left): students Emanuel Villegas and Juan Franco; and Raytheon engineers Noah Van Fossan, Catherine DeBassio and George Mayernik; (last row, from left): students Jeffrey Martinez and James Sheehan.

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TOWN TALK

A healthy activity

It was a familiar sight, that figure walking out of Town Offices last week for his morning Dunkin' Donuts run.

But what was former Health Director Everett Penney doing back in Andover? After all, he retired Jan. 6.

"My wife's trying to get me out of the house," he joked.

And since he brought coffee to his former colleagues, they seemed happy to have him around. Penney did not share the real reason for his visit.

— Greta Cuyler

Under-13, overseas

Twelve-year-old Andover resident Eric Buck is playing soccer in Portugal this week, as a member of the Massachusetts Olympic Development Program's under-13 team. The West Middle School sixth-grade goal-keeper will be stopping shots just outside of Lisbon, in Estoril, against three Portuguese youth teams.

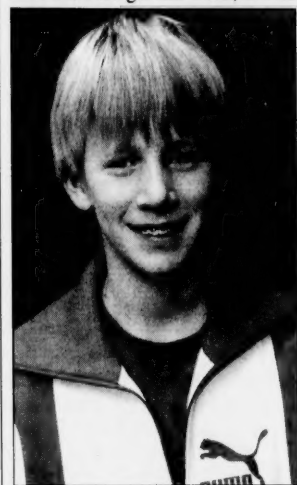


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Eric Buck, 12, attends West Middle School – when he's not blocking soccer-goal attempts in Portugal.

Buck is one round of tryouts away from being selected to the final ODP state pool. From there, he'll have a chance to make the regional pool, which includes players from New England all the way down to Pennsylvania.

Having never left the country, Buck was as nervous about the trip itself as he was about playing in the games, he said.

He is writing a travel diary about his trip. Excerpts are below.

— Brian Davidson

Compared to Massachusetts, things are much greener – the grass is green the trees are green; the houses are colorful, painted in bright oranges and yellows. There are a lot of palm trees. It kind of reminds me of Florida. A lot of buildings are old – stone walls, walkways and houses. Many are restored, but not entirely, as if people bought them and tired to redo them, but weren't very good at it. There are a lot of different kinds of people – old people, young people, light-skinned, dark-skinned...

We do everything as a team, we go everywhere as a team, eat as team, walk around as a team. We all wear the same jackets, and people look at us kind of weird. But then someone asks in Portuguese why are you all dressed the same, and our coach, who is from Portugal, tells them we are a soccer team. They usually smile and ask where we are from...

When we go to restaurants, they bring dishes that I have never seen and never heard of, even when they translate the names into English. But today at lunch, I asked the lady what we would be eating, and she said something that I could not understand, and it turned out to be chicken with fries and salad. I haven't liked the

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Author, Interrupted

30 years later, this teacher animates two historical figures

By Greta Cuyler

ROBERT MACDOUGALL HAD A DEFINING moment when one of his high school history students asked if George Washington was a real person. It was then, more than 30 years ago, that he hatched the idea to write a history book for teenagers.

"To high school kids, these are historical figures," says MacDougall, who taught history at Tewksbury High School for 33 years. "They think, (Washington is) on the dollar bill, he couldn't have gotten up and washed his face every day."

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MacDougall, a South Main Street resident, believed that most history books fell into two categories – either they were long and esoteric, or they were written for young children.

The Agitator and the Politician, published this month, is something different, he says, a book that can grab the attention of teenagers. It is the story of two men, Abraham Lincoln and William Garrison, and the role each played in the abolition of slavery.

So why did it take three decades years to publish?

Basically, life got in the way.

Thirty years ago, MacDougall was starting to raise a family and began coaching sports. It was not until 2004, after he retired from teaching and was laid up after back surgery, that the former high school teacher hauled out a box from the attic containing the manuscript for *The Agitator and the Politician*.

In the book, MacDougall juxtaposes Lincoln, author of the Emancipation Proclamation, with Garrison, a radical supporter of abolishing slavery.

Agitators like Garrison, often ignored for being too extreme, have actually propelled some of our country's most dramatic changes, says MacDougall.

"Black people would not have their basic civil rights, labor would not have the right to organize, and the Vietnam War might have lasted 10 more years if other revolutionaries

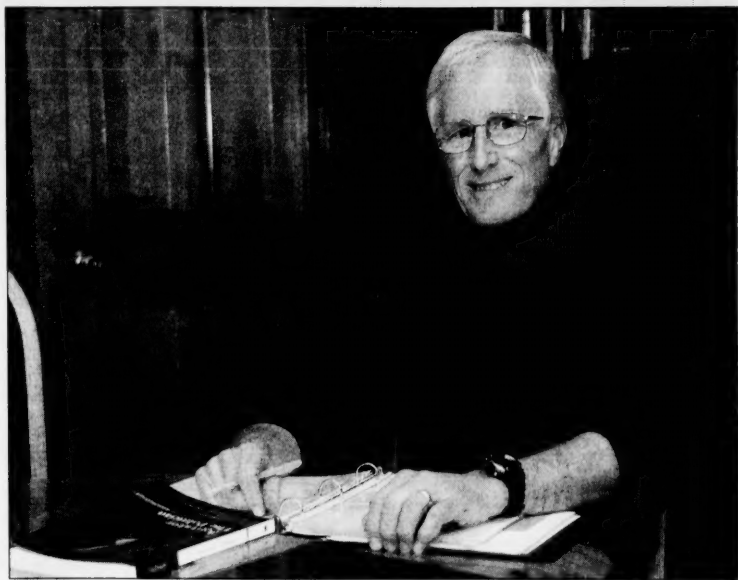


PHOTO BY TIM JEAN

Local author Robert MacDougall tells the story of two men, William Garrison (the Agitator) and Abraham Lincoln (the Politician), and the role each played in the abolition of slavery. The book took 30 years to complete and publish.

had not partially achieved the great changes for which they worked," he writes.

Alone, radical agitators often achieve little. But combined with the finesse and mainstream acceptance of politicians, they often achieve their goals, says MacDougall.

"I was always fascinated by Garrison.

This was a guy willing to be completely hated," he says.

Lincoln, on the other hand, was a consummate politician and a man of the people. He believed that change should be gradual and done within the confines of existing

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Addison Gallery dedicates exhibit to late Charles J. Beard, Phillips alumnus

WHEN CHARLES J. BEARD, a partner in the law firm Foley Hoag, lost his battle with cancer two years ago, he left behind a lasting legacy. Best known for his industrious work to combat racism among America's youth, Beard became the first African-American to be named a partner in a major Boston law firm.

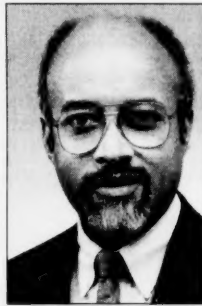
Now, a new traveling exhibit on display at the Addison Gallery of American Art, at Phillips Academy in Andover, *Portraits of a People: Picturing African Americans in the Nineteenth Century*, has been dedicated in his honor.

A native of Detroit, Mich., Beard came to New England to attend Phillips Academy, becoming one of the

school's first African-American graduates. He went on to graduate from Harvard College in 1966 and from Harvard Law School in 1969. Afterwards, Beard remained active with his alma mater, serving as a Phillips Academy trustee, member of the Addison Gallery's board of governors, and a generous and energetic advocate of the museum and the school.

Portraits of a People takes a critical look at images made of and by African-Americans and the role those images have played in establishing and fostering racial identity during a period of radical social change. This landmark exhibition and its accompanying publication features more than 100 works ranging from paintings, photographs, and silhouette profiles to book frontispieces

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Charles J. Beard

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TOWN TALK

■ SOCCER IN PORTUGAL

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restaurant food much so far, but there is always the bakery across the street...

From the hotel we can look out over the water. The ocean is too cold to swim in, but there are surfers in full-body wetsuits, because if they didn't wear them they would freeze to death. The waves are huge - and they crash right on to the beach and rocks in front of the hotel...

It rains here, it seems, *all the time*. At training today, at one point it was pouring - we were all soaking wet. No one seemed to mind. Some, including me, liked it - it was fun playing goal in the rain because you can slide and fall in the water...



COURTESY PHOTO

The view from Eric Buck's hotel room in Portugal.

Our first game is tonight. I'm excited. That's it for now.

- Eric Buck

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COURTESY PHOTO

Get ready for a first glimpse of the newest in apparel and accessory fashions for spring and summer at "Escape to the Tropics." The Caribbean-themed event, March 12 from noon to 4 p.m., at the Wyndham Hotel, River Road, is sponsored by the Andona Society as a fundraiser for the youth of Andover. Jackie Branscombe and Kelly Dougherty, co-chairwomen of the event, announced that "the event kicks off with a dazzling raffle and silent auction opportunities follow a Caribbean fare luncheon." Fashions by Dresscode, Night and Day, Coco Collection, Irresistables, Native Sun, Cache, Jeans Addiction, Gap Kids and Best Dressed will be featured. Above, Georgina and Bettina Indaco (daughter and mother) model matching spring dresses from the Lilly Pulitzer collection at Best Dressed. Tickets are \$45 per person and must be purchased in advance. For tickets, contact Nicole Hayes at 978-409-2085.

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By Pat Becker

Andover Senior Center

Here are some of the activities coming up at the Andover Senior Center. Call the senior center at 978-623-8321 for further information about any classes, programs or services.

Winter Reminder: Residents in doubt about possible weather-related cancellations, can call the information line for a recorded message about the day's events at 978-623-8377. For all other questions, call the main number at 978-623-8321.

Massage Therapy: A licensed massage therapist is on-site at the center Monday mornings by appointment, offering seated, upper-body massages. Cost is just \$12 for a 20-minute appointment. Call the center if you would like to try out this great stress reliever.

Cardio Circuit Training For Women: Geared for most fitness levels, this workout is based on the use of 10 different machines and is held at Shapes by Design. Cost is \$45 for unlimited use and no membership fee is required. This special offer is available only through the senior center, and complimentary passes are available at

the center for anyone who would like to try out this opportunity. New session begins March 6.

Fix-It Shop: The fix-it volunteers will be back at the center again Monday, March 6 at 1:30 p.m. They will be happy to take a look at any small item or appliance in need of repair. Your cost is \$2 plus any necessary parts.

Book Club: Our afternoon book club will meet again on Thursday, March 9 at 1 p.m. *Growing Up: A Memoir* by Russell Baker will be the topic of discussion. Copies of the book are available at the center for check-out. Newcomers are welcome to this group at any time.

London Philharmonic Orchestra: Celebrated for its versatility, artistic excellence, and thrilling performances, the London Philharmonic, under the direction of principal conductor Kurt Masur, has earned its place among the world's most respected orchestras. We'll attend this performance at Symphony Hall in Boston on Saturday evening, March 24 at 8. The cost (\$70) includes transportation from the center

and first balcony center seats.

Tips For the Late Blooming Handywoman: Back by popular demand, this four-session class will get underway on Tuesday, March 21 at 2 p.m. Under the direction of Marion Wohlhieter, you'll learn a few simple rules with a few simple tools, enabling you to make those minor repairs by yourself, saving money in the process. Spaces are limited and pre-registration is necessary.

Computer Users Group: The computer users group will meet again Monday, March 13 at 1:30 p.m. in the lower level activity room at Memorial Hall Library. Any regular computer user interested in maximizing his or her knowledge of computers through networking with others is more than welcome to attend. Registration is not necessary; just drop in.

Pain Management Support Group: The senior center will offer a new pain management support group, which will meet on the second Monday of each month at 2 p.m. The next meeting will be held March 13, and anyone who is interested in attending should call the center at 978-623-8321 to register.

Mardi Gras Madness: Stop by and pick up a ticket for our Mardi Gras celebration, which will take place at Old Town Hall on Saturday evening, March 11 beginning with dinner at 6 p.m. This fun filled evening will also include entertainment by the New Orleans Jazz Band, vocalist Penny Kohut, and the Sunset Tappers Dance Troupe. Menu is posted at the center and tickets (\$10) are available on an advance-purchase basis only. Get a group of friends together and reserve a table for a great night out.

Boston Flower Show: The center will offer a trip to the New England Flower Show at the Bayside Expo on Tuesday, March 14. This year's theme is "Celebrating Our Great New England Landscape" and exhibitors will be designing elaborate and beautiful gardens that reflect New England's diversity and traditions. New this year will be a "Plant Promenade" featuring species especially suited to this area, as well as a flower market set in an Old World ambience. Cost of the trip is \$28.

Historian

■ ROBERT MACDOUGALL

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laws.

As a younger man, MacDougall remembers sympathizing more with Garrison's zealous nature, but says that the older he gets, "the more I think things can evolve."

The book tells not only a political story, but a personal one. Readers learn about Lincoln and Garrison's personal lives and how the difficulties they had in their love lives - something MacDougall says teenagers might relate to.

It is also a story of two men forced to soldier on despite tragedy.

The back of the book features a time line, suggestions for additional reading and review and discussion questions.

MacDougall plans to write a second book using two men, Dwight D. Eisenhower and Douglas MacArthur to cover the period 1900 to 1965. He also intends to write a 180-day lesson plan on how to teach an

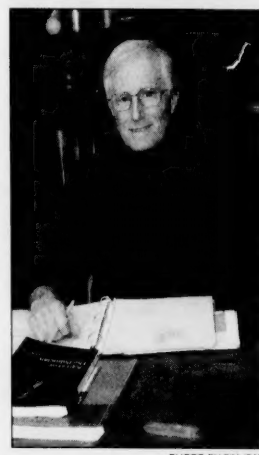


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Author Robert MacDougall.

American history course, including outside reading, activities and role playing, all to spike the interest of the students.

He has had articles published in magazines and journals and currently teaches American history at Northern Essex Community College and Cambridge College.

The book is available at www.amazon.com, Barnes & Noble, and Andover Bookstore.

Dedicated

■ CHARLES J. BEARD

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and popular prints, guest curated by Gwendolyn Dubois Shaw, associate professor of history of art at the University of Pennsylvania.

Beard made many important contributions to the city of Boston and was an inspiration and a role model to all who knew him, especially his colleagues at Foley Hoag, organizers said.

Together with his partners, Beard helped to develop the Foley Hoag Foundation, a private group that awards grants to organizations that work to improve Boston's racial issues, established in 1980.

A pioneer in equality rights, Beard was a part of the first foundation in Boston to focus solely on race relations in the city.

"The life of Charles J. Beard was full of optimism, compassion, and a strong need to help others," said Michele Whitham, co-managing partner of Foley Hoag, a sponsor of the exhibit. "Charlie believed very strongly in social justice and I know he is looking down on this exhibit with overwhelming happiness."

Portraits of a People: Picturing African Americans in the Nineteenth Century will be on display at the Addison Gallery of American Art, at Phillips Academy through March 26.

The Addison Gallery is open to the public and admission is free of charge.

For more information, visit www.addisongallery.org.

Learn to use old tools in a new environment

The Andover Historical Society is offering traditional hand-woodworking workshops in the historic Amos Blanchard Barn, starting in March.

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The woodworking shop at the Andover Historical Society was started in 1986 by master craftsman John Ross, whose tool collection is still used to teach today. Ross's student Steve Anthony teaches the classes today with the same sense of camaraderie and respect for tradition that instilled Ross' classes.

Two six-week sessions will be offered on Saturdays, 9 a.m.-noon. The spring session runs March 4 through April 8.

Fees are \$80 for Historical Society members and \$95 for non-members

To meet the needs of busy people, who cannot commit to six consecutive Saturdays, the Historical Society is offering four levels of participation. Participants select the level most convenient to their schedule, interest and ability.

Level 1 - Purchase a punch card good for any six classes in both sessions. Learn about the tools in the shop and how to use them. Talk with the instructor about a project you might like to try.

Level 2 - Sign up for one six-week session and make a basic, introductory project, such as a foot stool or candle box, from pre-milled stock. Learn basic hand-tool techniques and basic joinery.

Level 3 - Sign up for both six-week sessions and make a more complex project, such as a multi-step stool from pre-milled stock. Learn more advanced hand-tool and joinery techniques.

Level 4 - Purchase a punch card or sign up for one six-week session or multiple sessions to work on your own project, at your own pace. Start with your own raw stock and work it by hand using the tools in the shop. This is a more collegial approach for experienced woodworkers who like company while they work, and enjoy the historical atmosphere of the barn.

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BOOK REVIEW

Thank You, Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.!

BY ELEANORA E. TATE

Reviewed by John Chartier and James Caron

This well-written, entertaining book promotes some valuable lessons of cultural acceptance, and cautions against prejudice and discrimination.

MARY ELOUISE AVERY is an African-American fourth grader at Gumbo Grove Elementary School. She has low self-esteem and a low self-image – both of which derive from her skin color. She wishes she had light skin like some of her classmates. She strives to make friends with Brandy Howard, a popular blonde-haired, blue-eyed girl who lives in one of the expensive condos in town.

Mary cringes when her condescending teacher talks about black heritage and slavery, and she is disappointed when she is chosen for the role of narrator in the Black History Month play. Mary thinks it separates her even more from girls like Brandy Howard.

Through the course of the story she finds a mentor, a storyteller who understands her angst and helps her come to terms with her own identity.

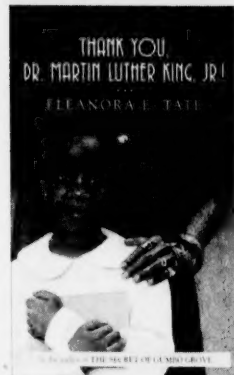
By the end of the story, she comes to embrace and love her heritage and the history of her people.

Thank You, Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.! is an interesting book that projects views both of cultural acceptance, and cautions against prejudice and discrimination. We believe these lessons are important for anyone at any age. In addition to this intentional moral, *Thank You, Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.!* is entertaining and well worth the time it takes to read.

We recommend this book for anyone over the age of 8 or 9. However, we are confident that the content of this book is safe for all ages.

We give *Thank You, Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.!* a 9 out of 10 for its combination of value and entertainment. It is fluently written, combining an appropriate amount of detail and plot information. While this book will probably take more than a few days for most people to read, the chapters do go by quickly and the material is interesting.

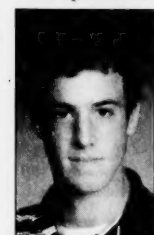
So get down to a bookstore and find a copy of *Thank You, Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.!* today.



ON CAMPUS

Danielle Giguere, daughter of Martha and Phil Giguere of Andover, played Josephine Strong in *Urinetown*, a Tony Award-winning musical comedy. Keene State College presented *Urinetown* Nov. 16-20.

This is the first college production for Giguere, a sophomore communications major at Keene State in Keene, N.H. She is a 2004 graduate of Andover High School, and appeared in many junior theatre and high school productions.



Andrew Boudreau of Andover, a freshman at Johns Hopkins University in Baltimore, Md., was named to the dean's list for the fall semester. His major is applied mathematics and statistics, with a minor in business.

Muhlenberg College in Allentown, Pa. has announced its dean's list for the fall semester of 2005.

Caitlin Meehan, a senior at Muhlenberg College, was named to the dean's list, majoring in dance and french. Meehan is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Paul Meehan of Andover.

Andrea Coiro, a first-year student at Muhlenberg College, was named to the dean's list, with an undeclared major. Coiro is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Louis Coiro of Andover.

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Shallane Agramonte (left) and Pedro Vasquez hand out a brochure explaining their "Leadership in Action" senior project, which is designed to help a school in the Dominican Republic obtain computers for its students. Two other students, Aparna Qazi and Jannell Lauria, are also participants in the project but were not available to be in the photo.

Student leaders seek to raise money, get computers for Caribbean students

Community-service efforts designed to help school in Dominican Republic

By Brian Davidson

Sometimes, it's easier to pay for one student's education than others.

While the town pressures the state to provide \$2,000 per public school student, four Andover High School seniors are helping a school that asks less than \$6.50 per month to support each of its pupils.

The school, "Centro Educativo Luz En La Barquita" in the Dominican Republic, consists of 200 students in kindergarten through sixth grade.

Students rely on outside sponsorship to cover their 220-pesero-month enrollment fee.

"Even that much is a lot for some of the families," said Andover student Shallane Agramonte, who is working on the

fund-raising project along with AHS classmates Pedro Vasquez, Aparna Qazi and Jannell Lauria.

AHS guidance counselor Aixa de Kelley, who told the four students about the Dominican school, had been sponsoring one of its students already, and is serving as the project adviser for the effort.

"It is a very, very poor neighborhood in the Dominican Republic," said de Kelley, of the Santo Domingo area where the school is located.

Centro Educativo Luz En La Barquita has only six classrooms for its 200 students and is forced to run two school sessions per day due to a lack of teachers.

There is a single computer in the entire building, used for administrative purposes only.

"We want to send at least six computers with the educational software necessary for each grade level so that each classroom will have one," said Vasquez.

Although the students are still in the early stages of their project, having just recently sent out letters to more than 250 local businesses, they have received donations of three computers and \$250 so far.

"They hope to raise enough money to visit as well," de Kelley said of her advisees, "so that they can meet some of the students and do community service at a children's hospital that we've been in contact with near the school."

For de Kelley, Vasquez and Agramonte, a visit to the

Dominican Republic would be extra special, as all three are of Dominican heritage, and rarely, if ever, have an opportunity to visit.

"It's been about four years since I've been back," said de Kelley, whose sister lives there and also sponsors a student at Centro Educativo.

If all goes to plan, the AHS group will hand deliver the donated money and computers to Santo Domingo around April vacation time in the Andover Public Schools – although not during that week, as it coincides with a holy week in the Dominican.

"Even if we don't raise enough to visit, anything we send will be a huge support and a great success," said de Kelley.

Andover Public Schools to get a head start on teacher recruitment

The Andover Public Schools, working in a consortium of more than 20 other school systems in the Merrimack Valley, will get a head start on recruiting teachers for the 2006-07 school year.

Andover, as part of the Merrimack Valley Educators' Consortium, will host a recruitment fair for teachers next Thursday, March 2, at Lowell Memorial Auditorium.

The fair will run from 1 to 7 p.m. Candi-

dates from many area colleges and universities have been invited to attend, organizers said.

Last year's fair was reportedly very successful. Approximately 700 candidates attended and had the opportunity to meet with administrators and teachers from member districts over the course of the day.

More than 60 candidates were hired within a few weeks of the fair, organizers said.

"Competition for quality teachers is fierce throughout the State. By working with colleagues from other school systems, we are able to pool our financial and networking resources to attract the very best talent to our geographical area. Our goal is to help teachers and school systems in the Merrimack Valley find the best employment match," said Candace Hall, human resource director for the town.

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■ MUHLENBERG COLLEGE

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Students must earn a minimum of a 3.5 grade-point average (4.0 scale) to attain dean's list status.

Also at Muhlenberg, the college hosted the works of internationally-recognized choreographers Charlotte Boye-Christensen and Tiffany Mills in Master Choreographers at Muhlenberg in the Paul C. Empie Theatre, Baker Center for the Arts, Feb. 9-11.

The concert, produced by the Muhlenberg Dance Association, also includes five dance pieces ranging from ballet and jazz to tap, choreographed by faculty artists.

Caitlin Meehan, a senior at Muhlenberg from Andover, performed in three pieces titled "Stirrings," "Looking for Crystal" and "Quotes and Other Things."

Dany Guy, a sophomore from Andover, performed in a piece titled "Bodies and Souls."

About 900 students have been named to the fall 2005 dean's list at Keene State College in Keene, N.H., including **Colin Patrick Callahan** of Andover, was named to the dean's list.

To qualify for the dean's list, Keene State undergraduates must be enrolled in a degree program; they must have completed a minimum of six credit hours in the semester, receiving no failing or incomplete grades. Students must achieve a 3.5 or higher grade-point average on a 4.0 scale to earn dean's list honors.

Wagner College, on New York's Staten Island, announced that **Kara McCall** of Andover has been named to the dean's list for the fall semester.

This distinction is awarded to students who have earned a semester grade-point average of 3.5 or better.

Andrew Carroll has been nominated to attend the Nation-

al Young Leaders State Conference in Boston.

The NYLSC honors and inspires a select group of rising students, distinguished by their academic excellence, leadership potential and maturity.

The conference challenges scholars to step forward with conviction and confidence, to grasp the concepts of leadership that will be taught and to act upon their dreams of making a difference in their communities.

Carroll, who lives in Andover, is a freshman at Andover High School.

Ohio Wesleyan University in Delaware, Ohio announced that students were named to the dean's list for the fall semester, including **Evan Michael Ozimek-Maier**, son of John Maier and Janis Ozimek-Maier of Andover.

To qualify, students must achieve a grade-point average

of 3.5 or better on a 4.0 scale in at least three unit course.

The College of Food, agricultural, and Environmental Sciences Alumni Society of Ohio State University announced **Peter S. Konjoian** of Andover is a recipient of its 2006 Distinguished Alumni Award.

The society will present Konjoian with his award at an alumni awards luncheon this Saturday, Feb. 25 at the Fawcett Center for Tomorrow on the campus of Ohio State.

Konjoian is co-owner and operator of Konjoian's Greenhouses Inc. This family retail business that has served the floriculture needs of clientele for more than 50 years is Konjoian's research laboratory of sorts.

Konjoian's colleagues describes him as an entrepreneur, scientist and educator. He

serves both the academic and industry sectors of floriculture through his research teaching and business practices.

Konjoian is known for his expertise on Florel usage. His product testing was influential in the labeling of Florel for ornamental crop usage. This product is now an important component in any greenhouse grower's toolbox.

After earning his bachelor's degree from the University of New Hampshire in 1975, Konjoian came to OSU to pursue his master's and doctorate degrees — both in horticulture. He has remained active in Ohio's floriculture industry though his involvement in OFA, an association of floriculture professionals, as well as a guest lecturer at OSU.

Konjoian enjoys the challenge of teaching members of the horticulture industry how to operate a profitable greenhouse

business. He knows the importance of how commercial floriculture involves a combination of technical, plant-related skills and business management skills.

Since returning to his family's greenhouse operation, he has been immersed in the industry, which Konjoian claims to be invaluable when it comes to identifying research problems, article topics, presentation ideas and industry news that need to be addressed.

Konjoian and his wife, Tama, live in Andover. They have two children, Brett and Bristol.

Plymouth State University in Plymouth, N.H. has named students to the president's list for achieving a grade-point average of 3.7 or better during the fall semester.

Students named to the PSU president's list include

Matthew Teperow of Andover.

To be eligible for the president's list students must have attempted at least 12 credit hours during the semester.

Endicott College in Beverly announced the dean's list students for the fall term.

Aaron Carty, son of Laura Reed of Andover, met those requirements.

Carty is a sophomore majoring in liberal studies.

In order to qualify for the dean's list, a student must obtain a minimum grade-point average of 3.5, received no grade below a 'C', and be enrolled in a minimum of 12 credits for the semester.

The fall semester dean's list at Bryant University in Smithfield, R.I. includes **Edith Muller**, of Andover, a senior majoring in accounting.

SCHOOL LUNCH MENUS

Here's what's for lunch in the Andover public schools next week, Feb. 27–March 3:

Elementary schools

Monday: Corn dog with fries, meatball sub with oven-baked fries, pancakes with ham sticks, chicken teriyaki wrap, fruit, veggie and milk.

Tuesday: Fried chicken with potatoes and green beans, baked nuggets with baked fries, pizza stick with soft pretzel, "gogurt," fruit, veggie and milk.

Wednesday: Toasted cheese with tomato soup, spaghetti and meatballs with garlic bread, nachos with seasoned beef and cheese, bagels and string, fruit, veggie and milk.

Thursday: Sloppy Joes with fries, french toast with sausages, hot dog with fries, d'animals day, fruit, veggie and milk.

Friday: Chicken fajita with corn, chicken nuggets with mashed potatoes, pizza, boxed breakfast, lucky tray, applesauce cake, fruit, veggie and milk.

Doherty Middle School

Monday: Toasted cheese sandwich with soup, two tacos with salsa, rice and cheese, stuffed crust pizza, fruit, veggie and milk.

Tuesday: Baked macaroni and cheese, chicken McSchool, stuffed crust pizza, fruit, veggie and milk.

Wednesday: BBQ chicken with potatoes and corn, stuffed crust pizza, french toast with sausages, fruit, veggie and milk.

Thursday: Baked macaroni and cheese, bakery pizza, two hot dogs with fries, fruit, veggie and milk.

Friday: Roast turkey dinner, stuffed crust pizza, tuna sub with pasta salad and chips, fruit, veggie and milk.

West Middle School

Monday: Fish-and-chips, chocolate chip pancakes with sausages, stuffed crust pizza, two hot dogs with Smartfood popcorn, fruit, veggie and milk.

Tuesday: Mexican beef wrap, chicken McSchool, stuffed crust pizza, toasted cheese sandwich with soup, fruit, veggie and milk.

Wednesday: BBQ chicken with potatoes and corn, stuffed crust pizza, french toast with sausages, fruit, veggie and milk.

Thursday: Baked macaroni and cheese, bakery pizza, two hot dogs with fries, fruit, veggie and milk.

Friday: Roast turkey dinner, stuffed crust pizza, tuna sub with pasta salad and chips, fruit, veggie and milk.

Wood Hill Middle School

Monday: Toasted cheese sandwich with soup, stuffed crust pizza, fruit, veggie and milk.

Tuesday: Chef's choice, chicken McSchool, stuffed crust pizza, fruit, veggie and milk.

Wednesday: BBQ chicken with potatoes and corn, stuffed crust pizza, french toast with sausages, fruit, veggie and milk.

Thursday: Baked macaroni and cheese, bakery pizza, two hot dogs with fries, fruit, veggie and milk.

Friday: Roast turkey dinner, stuffed crust pizza, tuna sub with pasta salad and chips, fruit, veggie and milk.

Andover High School

Monday: Two tacos with rice, stuffed crust pizza, baked mac and cheese, fruit, veggie and milk.

Tuesday: Salisbury steak with potato and green beans, stuffed crust pizza, spaghetti and meatballs with garlic bread, fruit, veggie and milk.

Wednesday: French toast and sausages, stuffed crust pizza, chicken parm sandwich, fruit, veggie and milk.

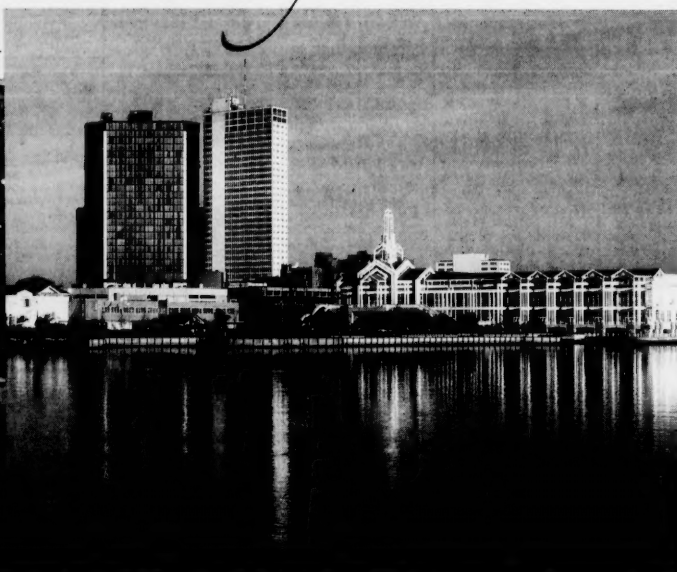
Thursday: Fish-and-chips with tartar sauce, stuffed crust pizza, chicken, broccoli and rotini, fruit, veggie and milk.

Friday: BBQ chicken with potatoes and corn, stuffed crust pizza, meatball sub, fruit, veggie and milk.

Premium lunch choices are served daily at the middle schools and Andover High. AHS also offers a Courtyard Barbecue featuring grilled food; the Collins Center Café; Pastabilities; and a Market Basket cart with other food choices daily.

For prices or other information about lunches, call Karen Pappa, food services director, at 978-623-8622.

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Opinion

Proceed with caution

ANDOVER RESIDENTS HAVE two months to decide how much money they will spend this year at Town Meeting. The idea of spending \$250,000 to add a traffic light in front of Andover High School is not at the top of the priority list. So far, even police do not seem to be making a compelling case for constructing the light. In a year when the town has been told by Moody's Investors Service that it must save more money or lose its prized bond rating, some projects simply need to wait.

When Andover High School was renovated and expanded in the mid 1990s, the architect redesigned the entry road to make it better for drivers. Still, it's clear driving students to and from Andover High School and adjacent West Middle School can be a frustrating affair. In some ways, Andover High currently has a "perfect storm" for traffic on school mornings and afternoons. Bus fees have forced more parents to drive their kids rather than have them take the bus. Secondly, because there is no late bus, more teens need a car at the school to get home following after-school activities such as sports. There are also more kids at Andover High School than ever before.

However, many of these issues that have contributed to the problem should disappear – or at least ease – over time. Bus fees and the lack of a late bus are hoped to be temporary approaches. While AHS is at a high water mark for students, these numbers should recede slightly in coming years. Middle school enrollments have slowly declined during the last four school years (FY '03 to FY '06), according to the superintendent's budget report. These kids will soon be at the high school, while larger classes graduate.

There will always be traffic problems around schools during the times immediately before and after the school days. But, most of the time, Shawsheen Road simply does not need a light of any kind. Spending \$250,000 for traffic lights – especially when Moody's has told the town it should be saving more for unexpected problems – is the type of project residents should consider sending back to the blackboard.

Web question

Is light right for Shawsheen Road?

Last week's *Andover Townsman* Web-site question was about whether Andover is an ideal place to retire. A list released by CNNMoney.com said so. Do you agree? 39 people responded.

- 22 people, or 56 percent, said, "Are you crazy? The senior center proposal failed, taxes are high and there is no over-55 housing community in town. I do not agree."

- 12 people, or 31 percent, said, "I think the senior center is great, but house prices in this town have gone sky high. As a result, my kids can't afford to move here. There are few places for me. That's why Andover is not a good place to retire."

- 2 people, or 5 percent, said "No, for another reason."

- 1 person, or 3 percent, said, "Yes, because the senior center suits my needs and I firmly believe the town will offer more to seniors in the future as this population is growing."

- No one said, "Yes, because I live close to downtown and enjoy being able to walk when I do errands. That's important to seniors."

- 2 people or 5 percent, said "Yes, for another reason."

- No one said, "Other."

This week's *Andover Townsman* Web-site question is about the \$250,000 traffic signal being proposed for the entrance road to Andover High School. Do you think it's a good idea?

- No. It's way too much money. I agree with the neighbor who said it's only half an hour for 180 days a year. People can deal with that.

- No. For me, it's simply a matter of money. \$250,000 for a traffic light? We just don't have the money in this town right now.

- Yes. I have experienced that traffic. It's a dangerous intersection and the problem is not just during those two times – it's during the beginning and end of every school activity.

- Yes, let's put up that traffic signal. Let's not wait until there's a fatality there.

- Other.

To vote, surf to www.andovertownsman.com.

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SWINGERS



Giovanni Rosano waits for his turn (from the ground) as he watches Maxx Rundquist fly through the air, holding onto a rope hung from a tree in his back yard on High Street.

PHOTO BY TIM JEAN

LETTERS

State must fund local education

Editor, *Townsman*:

State Sen. Sue Tucker, Rep. Barbara L'Italien, and Rep. Barry Finegold held a recent Statehouse meeting with the Andover School Committee to discuss local aid and Chapter 70 funding for our schools.

Their leadership and initiative in addressing the crisis of local aid facing Andover and other suburban communities is highly commendable and should serve as a model throughout the state. They have made increasing local aid their No. 1 priority.

We respectfully urge state legislators across the state to stand with our delegation in strong support of this critical effort.

Debra Rahmin Silberstein
Burton Farm Drive
Chairwoman
Andover School Committee

REMEMBERING PETER ARTHUR

A loss that can't be replaced



Bill Dalton

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In places like Andover there are a small number of people in each generation who will have a positive impact on succeeding generations. I mean the kind of impact great enough that the people in those generations will remember the person's name and speak of him or her to their children. When Peter Arthur died, Andover lost one of those people.

Although grief is the immediate emotion following such a death, grief becomes entwined with loss very quickly. When most of us leave this world, that sense of loss remains with our family and a few friends. When someone like Arthur passes, the loss covers a much bigger community and remains in the heart and minds of those he has influenced for many years.

There is a confluence of natural skills and acquired attributes that creates such people as Arthur, and each such creation is different than the others. I never met Arthur, but from what I can tell from reading about him he had charisma,

exceptional communication skills, a prodigious work ethic, confidence, a sense of humor and a desire to use his talents to the benefit of others, including his students and those in need.

Although there is no reason for me to go over the specific details of his life, for those were already well covered by the *Townsman*, I must observe that it is rare to see the town grieve as much as it has. In an online guest book found by Googling "Peter Arthur," you will see an outpouring of emotions and comments by his students. Some mentioned that he made class interesting and fun. Others said that his class was what they looked forward to in school. He not only was their teacher, he was their mentor. He told them to "make the right choices." He led by example, being the first to jump into or lead a charitable cause.

Most of the greats among us take natural talents and then work hard at making them better, adding acquired skills to the natural talent. Arthur was lucky to be tall and handsome with a commanding, deep voice. That was only the starting point of his charisma, though. He added passion and dedication and, probably most important, hard work. When you read about all he did you are left scratching your head wondering where he

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Don't make bets with your wife; people will take anything that's free

Editor, *Townsman*:

I made a bet with my wife not too long ago. No, it was not on the Bruins-Coyotes game, it was on whether someone was actually going to take away an old stepper exercise machine. You see, this is one of those cheap piston-type steppers won as a corporate incentive prize. It was collecting dust in our already cluttered basement.

Several years ago, I got sick of tripping over this thing and decided to use my normal sure-fire way of getting rid of an item without putting it out in the garbage. (I hate filling up a landfill.) I used the Greenwood Road system. The process is simple. I just put the item in front of my house on the 93 bypass that is Greenwood Road. I then apply a "Free! Take Me!" sign and items

usually last no more than a few hours. Someone will pass by, stop, and put the item in their vehicle. This has worked for everything from old skis, a piece of pressure-treated lattice, and an old Hibachi charcoal grill on wheels. This last item was a double recycle since I had taken it from my neighbor's garbage several years ago for tailgating use. My "Free! Patriots Special!" sign helped this item disappear.

However, the stepper was another story. Nobody would take it. It sat out there for days, not hours. So, when my wife asked me to put the stepper on the back steps because someone was coming to pick it up, I was skeptical. Hence my making a \$5 bet that, instead, I finally would be dismantling the machine for the garbage truck to take.

Well, not only did someone come to pick it up, two different people came to get it. The first person could not fit the stepper in her car. The second person was successful. I couldn't believe it. The dust collector from the basement was gone!

How did my wife do this? Easily. She posted the items on www.FreeCycle.org. She simply posted the stepper in the North Andover section of the Web site, people responded, and she arranged for them to pick it up.

Now my wife has put two years worth of *Martha Stewart Living* magazines on the back steps. Someone is picking those up at 4:30 p.m. I am not betting this time.

Tony Connell
1 Tiffany Lane

LETTERS

THE *Townsman* accepts letters to the editor from the community. Letters must be typed and no longer than two, double-spaced pages. All letter writers must include addresses and phone numbers with their letters. The phone numbers will not be published. The paper reserves the right to edit letters at its discretion. Reasons for editing include editing for length, clarity and style. Letters should be received by the *Townsman* by Monday at 5 p.m. for consideration in that week's paper. They may be sent by mail, fax or e-mail. Letters sent by e-mail should be sent to Neil Fater at nfater@andovertownsman.com, and included in the body of an e-mail, not as e-mail attachments. As a general rule, the paper does not publish anonymous letters or thank-you letters. It also does not publish letters for candidates in the issue prior to an election.

THE THURSDAY FILE

Say what you mean, mean what you say and don't say it mean.

TRACI KNOPPE

Live your life each day as you would climb a mountain. An occasional glance toward the summit keeps the goal in mind, but many beautiful scenes are to be observed from each new vantage point.

HAROLD V. MELCHERT

The young man knows the rules, but the old man knows the exceptions.

OLIVER WENDELL HOLMES SR.

When you are willing to make sacrifices for a great cause, you will never be alone.

CORETTA SCOTT KING

So many people believe in you, make sure you are one of them!

DARREN JACKLIN

The hardest job kids face today is learning good manners without seeing any.

FRED ASTAIRE

The formula for success is a few simple disciplines practiced every day.

JIM ROHN

Optimism is essential to achievement and it is also the foundation of courage and true progress.

NICHOLAS MURRAY BUTLER

Feel yourself being quietly drawn by the deeper pull of what you truly love.

RUMI

If there's an underlying theme in the books I've written about marine creatures, it's that man has a responsibility to co-exist with his environment, not to try to dominate it.

PETER BENCHLEY

Intelligence alone, without wisdom and empathy for suffering, is hollow.

JOHN G. STOESSINGER

Best quotation sent

I saw the angel in the marble and carved until I set him free.

MICHELANGELO

About 'Thursday File'

Steve MacDowall's file is sent by e-mail and contains quotations such as the ones on this page.

OBITUARIES

Irene G. Demuth

Owned and operated Al's Diner with her husband

Irene G. (Joncas) Demuth, 85, a longtime Lawrence resident and also formerly of Andover, died on Tuesday, Feb. 14, at Commonwealth Care Center, Fairfax, Va.

She was born and raised in Lawrence and was a graduate of Sacred Heart High School.

She was a member of the former Sacred Heart Parish, Lawrence, and a member of the Third Order of Mary of the parish.

She had lived in Lawrence most of her life and lived in Andover from 1991 to 2001 when she moved to Virginia to live with her daughter.

Until retirement, she and her late husband had founded and owned and operated Al's Diner on South Broadway, Lawrence.

She was the widow of Albert H. Demuth.

Members of her family members include her daughter, Judy A. and her husband Charles J. Seed of Fairfax; her son, Dennis J. and his wife Barbara A. Demuth of Lowell; five grandchildren; two great-grandchildren; and several nieces and nephews.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Lazarus House, P.O. Box 408, Lawrence, MA 01842.

Arrangements were by the Arthur J. Scott Funeral Home, 298 South Broadway, Lawrence.

B. Claire Nordell

Merrimack College grad taught math in California

B. Claire (Byrne) Nordell, 77, of La Quinta, Calif., formerly of Andover, died Sunday, Feb. 12, in California.

Born in Lawrence, Feb. 28, 1928, she was a graduate of Merrimack College.

She was a math and special needs teacher in California.

Members of her family include one brother, Joseph Byrne and his wife Estelle of Pittsburgh, Pa. and Tucson, Ariz.; one nephew, Michael W. Byrne; and two nieces, Katherine C. and Julia S. Byrne; and many cousins.

Calling hours are today, Thursday, Feb. 23 from 9:30 to 10:30 a.m. at Burke-Magliozzi Funeral Home, 390 N. Main St., Andover, with funeral service at 10:30 a.m. at the funeral home.

Burial will be in Immaculate Conception Cemetery, Lawrence.

People for Peace plan meeting Tuesday

The Merrimack Valley People for Peace meet on the fourth Tuesday of every month at the North Parish Church in North Andover.

The Feb. 28 meeting is at 7:30. All are welcome.

More information and directions to the meeting can be located at www.merrimackvalleypeopleforpeace.org.

Classical Singers calling new voices

New England Classical Singers has openings in all voice parts, especially tenors and basses. Rehearsals are on Wednesday evenings. Rehearsal and concert spaces are handicapped accessible. To arrange an audition, check the Web site: www.newenglandclassical.org, or call 978-475-1468.

Mary A. Camuso

Was retired secretary

Mary A. (Agricola) Camuso, 86, formerly of Methuen, died Thursday, Feb. 16, at Academy Manor Nursing Home in Andover.

Born in Lawrence, on Nov. 20, 1919, to Giovanni and Concetta (LaRosa) Agricola, she attended Lawrence schools and graduated Lawrence High School.

She was employed as a secretary at Bolta Products for 25 years, and retired in 1978.

She was the widow of Carmen Camuso, who died in 2000.

Members of her family include her daughter, Mary Claire Camuso of Haverhill; her son, Richard Camuso and his wife Carol of Ridgefield, Conn.; one sister, Cora Maille of San Jose, Calif.; a brother, Joseph Agricola of Methuen; six grandchildren; four great-grandchildren; and several nieces and nephews.

Arrangements were by the Cataudella Funeral Home, 126 Pleasant Valley St., Methuen.

Kathleen A. Willis

Registered nurse was Andover High graduate

Kathleen A. (Staid) Willis, 48, of Salem, N.H., died Friday, Feb. 17, at Brigham & Women's Hospital, Boston, from injuries sustained in a motor vehicle accident.

She was born in Natick, grew up and was educated in Andover, where she graduated from Andover High School.

She later earned her nursing degree from Northern Essex Community College. She was a resident of Salem, N.H., for the past year and was a longtime Methuen resident.

Mrs. Willis was a registered nurse at the Lawrence General Hospital. She also retired after 20 years in the Army & Navy Reserves.

She was an active member of the Granite State Baptist Church in Salem, N.H. She was an unselfish woman, who served her country, her community, and her family with great compassion, family members said.

Members of her family include her former husband, Stephen Willis of Methuen; two daughters, Clara and Cory Willis of Methuen; one son, Stevie Joe Willis of Methuen; her father, J. Leo Staid of Florida; four brothers, Kevin Staid of Lowell, Jonathan Staid of Lawrence, Brian Staid of Maine, and Timothy Staid of Florida; three sisters, Karen Ireland of Maine, Mary Beth Matthews of Maine, and Martha Staid of Cambridge; several nieces and nephews; and a very large extended family.

She was predeceased by her mother, Corinne W. (Wilkins) Staid.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Granite State Baptist Church.

Arrangements were by the Douglas & Johnson Funeral Home, 214 Main St., Salem, N.H.

Samuel A. Willis II

Memorial service planned at South Church

Samuel Arnold Willis II, 92, of North Andover, died Friday, Jan. 20.

Born in Worcester, Mr. Willis was the son of Samuel Thayer and Francis Irene Wood Willis.

He graduated from Deerfield Academy in 1932 and the Sheffield Scientific School of Yale University in 1936.

He married Elizabeth Lounsbury Field of New Haven, Conn. and lived in Bath, Maine. There, he participated in the design effort for "Ranger," the last "J" class America's Cup defender. He subsequently was a marine surveyor for the American Bureau of Shipping in Portland, Maine.

After working in consulting mechanical engineering in New Haven, he spent the rest of his career in engineering and systems, first for AVCO Corp. (now Textron) and the Raytheon Co.

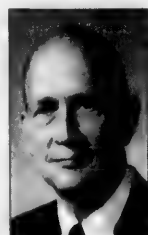
His wife, Elizabeth, died in 1977.

He married Helen Knight Wilkinson of North Andover in 1986. She died in 1999.

Mr. Willis was active in music and church activities throughout his life. He sang in the Deerfield and Yale Glee Clubs, was a member of The University Glee Club of New Haven, founded a barbershop quartet, and sang in church choirs in Guilford, Conn. and Andover.

He was a cellist with the Merrimack Valley Philharmonic, where he received special commendation in 1994 for "his 32 years of dedication and performance," and the Whittier Chamber Orchestra in Haverhill.

Members of his family include his son and daughter-in-



Samuel Arnold Willis II

law, David F. Willis and Lilian of Ridgefield, Conn.; stepson, E. Chadbourne Graves; stepdaughters and husbands, Wendy W. and George Stern of North Andover, and Linda W. and Thomas Lebach of North Falmouth; seven grandchildren; and nine great-grandchildren.

A memorial service will be held at South Church, Andover, on Saturday, April 22.

Following the service, a reception for friends and relatives will be held at Edgewood, 575 Osgood St., North Andover. Burial will be private.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Merrimack Valley Philharmonic Society Inc., P.O. Box 512, Lawrence, MA 01842; or to Americare, Stamford, Conn.; or Merrimack Valley Hospice, 360 Merrimack St., Bldg. 9, Lawrence, MA 01843.

Delia Goguen

Punchard High graduate

Delia Mary Rose (White) Goguen, 89, of Windham, N.H., died Friday, Feb. 17, at the Parkland Medical Center, Derry, N.H.

She was born in Lawrence, grew up and was educated in Andover, and graduated from Punchard High School. She was a longtime Windham resident.

Mrs. Goguen was a retired cable maker for Sanders Corp. in Nashua, N.H.

She enjoyed bingo, crosswords, and Scrabble.

She was the widow of Albert J. Goguen.

Members of her family include her special friends and caretaker, Doreen Garner of Windham, and Jeremy and Joshua Rivers; and many nieces and nephews.

A memorial service will be held Saturday, Feb. 25, at 10:30 a.m. at Douglas & Johnson Funeral Home, 214 Main St., Salem, N.H.

Urn burial will follow at Cemetery on the Hill, Windham,

DEATHS

Mary A. Camuso, 86
Irene G. Demuth, 85
Delia Mary Rose Goguen, 89
B. Claire Nordell, 77
Walter J. Wertheimer, 84
Kathleen A. Willis, 48
Samuel A. Willis, 92

FAX OBITUARIES TO:
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N.H. There are no calling hours. Memorial contributions may be made to Merrimack Valley Hospice, 360 Merrimack St., Bldg. 9, Lawrence, MA 01843.

Walter J. Wertheimer

Services are today at Temple Emanuel

Walter J. Wertheimer, 84, a resident of Andover for 42 years, died unexpectedly at Lawrence General Hospital on Sunday, Feb. 19.

Mr. Wertheimer was born in Germany and immigrated to New York in 1939. He was working for Prowell Shoe Co. in Pennsylvania when he enlisted in the Army. He served as a master sergeant with HQ Americal Division.

After the war, he enrolled at New York University under the GI Bill and earned both his bachelor of science and master of arts degrees.

He came to Andover in 1963 and worked at Lowell Shoe Co. in Lowell and Hudson, N.H., until his retirement as vice president of sales in 1987.

Mr. Wertheimer was active in many social, religious and educational organizations.

He was honored by Andover Rotary for his public service and was the first recipient, along

OBITUARIES

The *Townsmen* will publish obituaries of Andover residents without charge.

The paper also will publish without charge a short announcement of those people who died and did not live here, but are related to someone who lives in Andover. This listing will include the name of the deceased, where he or she lived, when he or she died, and names of relatives in Andover.

Those who wish to have a complete obituary published about a person who did not live in Andover can pay for a death notice. The cost of a death notice depends on the length of the notice.

Questions? Call Jack Grady or Neil Fater at 978-475-7000.

with his wife, Helen, of the Temple Emanuel of Andover Community Service Award.

He was a founder of the BALI Institute at Brandeis University and was active with LIRA at University of Massachusetts.

He was a volunteer with SCORE in Lawrence and was an adult education chairperson at Temple Emanuel. He was also a member of Two-Ten Association and Bnai Brith.

Members of his family include his wife, Helen (Wachen) Wertheimer; sister, Ruth Shurman; nieces and nephews, Valerie and Steven Silverman, Betsy and John Brod, David and Kimberly Wachen, Mark and Hallie Wachen; and many grandnieces, and grandnephews.

Services at Temple Emanuel, 7 Haggetts Pond Road, Andover, are today, Thursday, Feb. 23, at 1 p.m.

Burial is in Lawrence.

Condolence calls may be made at his late residence, today, Thursday, Feb. 23 until 8 p.m.; tomorrow, Friday, Feb. 24 from 1 to 3 p.m.; and Saturday, Feb. 25 from 7 to 9 p.m.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Helen and Walter Wertheimer Community Service Fund, c/o Temple Emanuel, 7 Haggetts Pond Road, Andover, MA 01810.

Arrangements are by Goldman-Fisher Chapel, Malden.

SUPPORT GROUPS

Celebrate Recovery, a Christ-centered group for those struggling with any type of addiction, meets every Monday 7-9 p.m., the group is free and open to all; Free Christian Church, 31 Elm St.; Wendy Nevin wnevin@freechristian.org.

CoDa, Co-dependents Anonymous, a group designed to aid people in dependent relationships, meets Mondays, 7 p.m., Bellevue Congregational Church, 300 High St., Newburyport, and Wednesdays, 7 p.m., Family Mutual Bank State Line Plaza Route 125, Haverhill; David 978-978-452-3822 or Anne 978-978-686-0847.

Crisis Center, the Jeanne Geiger Crisis Center (formerly the Women's Crisis Center), empowers community members to live free from fear, intimidation, violence or the threat of abuse by providing support, advocacy and education; services include 24/7 hotline, counseling, court advocacy, support groups, childcare advocacy, education and outreach, Monday through Friday 9 a.m.-5 p.m.; calls to the hotline 978-388-1888 are confidential.

Diabetes support group meetings: third Wednesday of the month, 7-8:30 p.m., Mary Breen 603-898-5023.

Emotions Anonymous support group meetings: Saturday, 10 a.m., First Congregational Church, 25 Woburn St., Reading; Dottie 978-851-7655.

Female incest survivors, confidential meeting facilitated by sexual assault staff member at YWCA of Greater Lawrence, Tuesdays, 6-

7:30 p.m., 38 Lawrence St., Lawrence; Bonnie Bruno 978-687-0331.

Food Addicts in Recovery Anonymous, FA is a 12-step program for overeating, bulimia and anorexia nervosa, Tuesdays, 7 p.m., Wingate, 80 Andover St.; 781-321-9118 or www.foodaddicts.org.

Lyme disease support group, offering information and support, second Tuesday of every month, 7 to 9 p.m., Heritage at Danvers, 9 Summer St., Danvers; Kay Lyon 978-468-6336; www.lymesite.com.

MS Support Group, meet second Monday of the month, Saint Francis Church Hall, Dracut, July 974-9228 or Maureen 459-6203.

National Alliance for the Mentally III (NAMI), Greater Lawrence, meets every third Thursday of the month, 7-9 p.m., First United Methodist Church, 57 Peters St., North Andover; 978-475-0875.

Parenting - Coalition for the Preservation of Fatherhood, Merrimack Valley chapter, Senior Citizens Center, 10 Welcome St., Haverhill, meets second and fourth Tuesdays each month, 7 p.m.; Alan Finger 978-372-2648.

Parenting - More S.T.E.P., a follow-up peer support group for those who have completed the S.T.E.P. program, 9:15-10:45 a.m., the second Wednesday of each month, South Church, 41 Central St.; Gretchen Keohane 978-475-5711, or Janice Holden 978-475-8293.

Parenting - Parents Anonymous, meets weekly in Haverhill, Lowell and Lawrence, no fees or dues; 1-800-882-1250.

Parenting - Merrimack Valley Mothers of Twins, meets monthly on the third Tuesday, 7:30 p.m., in the Forest Street Church, Forest Street, Methuen; Lisa 978-475-4192 or visit the Web site www.merrimackvalleymota.org.

Parenting - Mother of Multiples, Nashoba Valley Mothers of Multiples, meets second Monday of each month, First Parish Church United, Westford; Mary Johnson 978-256-4111.

Parenting - Mother of Twins Club, meets monthly in Saugus; Allene Crusco 617-245-3556 or Katie Monahan 978-664-4545.

Parenting - Parents Helping Parents, Feeling frustrated, overwhelmed, anxious, or isolated as a parent or guardian? Parents Helping Parents offers free, confidential and anonymous weekly support groups for parents throughout Massachusetts. Share experiences and get support and encouragement from other parents. Call toll free 1-800-882-1250 (or check out www.parentshelpingparents.org) for information about groups in this area. (Most groups also offer free childcare.)

Parents of bipolar children support group, meets on the second and fourth Mondays of each month (unless school is closed for a holiday or other reason), 7-8:30 p.m., no fee, all parents are welcome, Bancroft School, 15 Bancroft Road; Amanda Preston 978-475-7837 (evenings), or 978-853-8848 (evenings).

Parents Helping Parents, a child abuse prevention agency, is looking for volunteers with good interpersonal skills and a commitment to strengthening families to facilitate support groups in the area; volunteers must commit to spending five hours a week for a period of one year as a facilitator. Training and ongoing supervision and support is provided by Parents Helping Parents. Call 1-800-882-1250 to request application materials; for more information, check out www.parentshelpingparents.org.

Parenting - Parents without Partners Minuteman Chapter 817, newcomers orientation meeting, second and fourth Tuesdays of month, St. Margaret's Parish Hall, 111 Winn St., Burlington, 7:30 p.m.; 978-667-6834.

Parenting - Single parent group, meets the second Sunday of each month from 2:30-4 p.m. at First Church Congregational, 4 Georgetown Road, Boxford; Laura 978-978-688-6528.

Parents of Children with Bipolar Disorder, meets the second and fourth Mondays of each month from 7-8:30 p.m., information/discussion format; Amanda Preston or Dana Hayward 978-475-7837 or email bpaparents@comcast.net.

Parents, Families, and Friends of Lesbians and Gays (PFLAG),

Merrimack Valley Chapter holds monthly meetings, North Parish Church, 190 Academy Road, North Andover.

Prostate cancer support group, meets third Wednesday of each month, 7 p.m., Holy Family Hospital and Medical Center Auditorium, 70 East St., Methuen; Ron L'Heureux 978-687-0156, Ext. 2021.

Psoriasis support group, sponsored by National Psoriasis Foundation, meets the first Wednesday of each month, 7-9 p.m., Heritage at North Andover, 700 Chickering Road, North Andover; Patricia Wood 978-475-2774.

Seniors in motion program, for seniors and disabled individuals with needed mobility assistance; 800-594-1225.

Separated-divorced nondenominational support group, meets every Monday, 7:30 p.m., Parish Center, 1 St. Augustine Drive, all are welcome; Chuck Chambers 978-685-7238, or Klara Vajda 978-475-7358.

Smoking cessation - Nicotine Anonymous, a support group to help stop the nicotine habit, meets every Wednesday evening, 7-8 p.m., Faith Lutheran Church, 360 South Main St., 978-475-0183.

Smoking cessation - classes Wednesdays, 6:30-8 p.m., Holy Family Hospital Board Room, 70 East St., Methuen; 978-687-0156, Ext. 2720.

Soul retrieval class, six weeks, Wednesdays 7-9 p.m., Imagine Studios, 29 Main St., Amesbury, Thursdays, 7:15-9:45 p.m., Circles of Wisdom Bookstore, 90 Main St., Andover, \$150; M. Leontine Hartzell 978-475-1268.

Stroke support group - Stroke patient support group, first Wednesday of the month, 6-7 p.m., Paula Hartwell-Bell 603-887-5769, after 6 p.m.

Stroke support group - for families and friends, third Wednesday of the month, 7-8 p.m.; Rene Baxter 508-373-2901.

Stroke support group - Merrimack Valley Area Easter Seal Stroke Support Group, meets the third Thursday of each month, 1:30 p.m., Andover Senior Center, 36 Bartlett St.; Easter Seals 1-800-922-8290.

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Arts & Entertainment

Behind the lens, around the world

By Greta Cuyler

RETIRING EARLY FROM THE AIRLINE industry didn't clip the wings of Wilda Gerideau-Squires — it propelled her into an unexpected and successful career as a photographer.

Now, after exhibiting her work for more than 12 years, Gerideau-Squires is focusing on her abstract work.

"The response to it is overwhelming," she says. "It's the only purely creative thing I've done so far."

Her abstract work focuses on fabrics, and she adjusts how the viewer sees the fabric by using light and different kinds of film.

Although she thought her abstract work was something she alone would appreciate, her work has been chosen for four juried art shows. A juried show means that an expert in the art field judges which pieces will be included in the show.

Most recently, Gerideau-Squires' work was included in the Brush Art Gallery of Lowell's 2006 Juried Members Exhibit which was on display through last weekend.

The former United Airlines executive always has taken pictures. After all, she liked to document her travels across the continent.

But her hobby turned into a career after she saw a sign for a photography exhibit and entered her work in a Danvers Art Association exhibit in 1993. It was the beginning of a new phase of Gerideau-Squires' life.

She started by photographing landscapes and flowers. She then launched her first solo exhibit called "Women of the World" at the Newburyport Art Association.

More recently, her photograph "Demure" was given an "Award of Excellence" by Photographer's Forum Magazine and included in the "2005 Best of Photography Annual." This was the sixth consecutive year her work has been recognized by the magazine. She also won awards at the 2005 Essex County Topsfield Fair.

Besides her new career, New York-born Gerideau-Squires has discovered something new by living in Andover with her husband Walter Squires. The woman who was once more at home on an airplane now enjoys staying in one place. She knows her neighbors. And her local pharmacist. She's involved in her church.

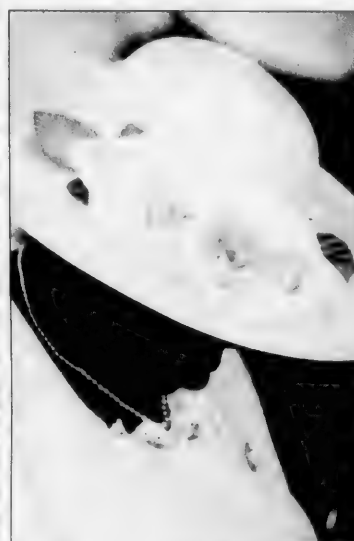


PHOTO BY TIM JEAN

Wilda Gerideau-Squires of Irongate Drive is captured on the other side of the camera — for a change. Below are two of her photographs from her first solo exhibit called "Women of the World."



"Black Madonna"



"Demure"

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In celebration of National Women's History Month, the Essex Art Center will present a gallery exhibit entitled "Being (Fe)male." Andover mixed media artists Georgia Renfroe and Thea Shapiro and Groton artist Sally Russell will share their experiences and insights of being female through sculpture, photograph and mixed-media pieces. Renfroe creates her pieces using found metal and other objects. She uses oven burners for the heads and tin-can lids for halos. Shapiro's pieces are a mix of found objects and cement. She uses cement to create female figures, and found objects for collages. Russell creates intimate icons and altars using photographic collage. One of the highlights of the show will be a nest for two people to sit in. Gallery visitors are encouraged to participate by sitting in the nest and adding fabric and other items to it, as well as to share their feelings about women by writing on a panel. Music will be performed by PT Kris. This show is not just for women, organizers said. It opens next Friday, March 3 from 5:30 to 7 p.m. The Essex Art Center is located at 56 Island St., Lawrence; on the Web at essexartcenter.com; or call 978-685-2343. Above, left: *Bella*, by Thea Shapiro; right: *Priestess*, by Georgia Renfroe.

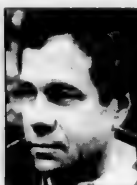
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Thursday, February 23

Artist and author event, Arno Minkinen, an Andover artist with a new book of photographs, *Saga*, will appear with Alan Lightman, who wrote an essay in *Saga* about Minkinen's art; Lightman is the author of a new book, *Discoveries*, and also *Einstein's Dreams* and *Diagnosis*; 7 p.m., Andover Bookstore, 89-R Main St.; Karen Harris 978-475-0143.



Arno Minkinen



Alan Lightman

Romeo and Juliet, directed by William Thomas, 7:30 p.m., free and open to the public, in the Cochran Chapel on the Phillips Academy campus, 180 Main St.; Music Department 978-749-4995 or music@andover.edu.

Friday, February 24

Concert, performed by the Symphony and Chamber Orchestras of Phillips Academy, Erika Chow, PA '06 performing Rachmaninoff's *Piano Concerto* and Lynette Lee, PA '06 performing Ibert's *Flute Concerto*, under the direction of William Thomas; program will also include Vivaldi's *Spring* from the *Four Seasons*, directed by Peter Warsaw; Peter Warlock's *Capriol Suite* directed by Elizabeth Audren; and Tchaikovsky's

Saturday, February 25

Portraying the Self/Picturing Others, panel discussion of the use of historic imagery by contemporary African American artists working in various media, moderated by Gwendolyn Dubois Shaw, curator of the exhibition and associate pro-

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Looking at miscarriages of justice

Portraying a system where wrongful convictions take place

By Courtney Fluke
WHAT'S UP contributor

HOW DOES A MAN DEAL with the wrongful loss of 18 years of his life on death row, and the unshakable assumptions that afterwards endure? What role do racial and gender stereotypes play in criminal convictions? What is wrong with a justice system that allows such mistakes?

The Exonerated, a performance at Merrimack College this weekend, grapples with these questions by telling the stories of six wrongfully convicted death-row inmates.

"This production is so relevant right now. The death penalty is such a hot-button issue, and people want to know: 'Why did this happen?'" says Father Richard Priatt, who produced the work.

There is the story of Dilbert Tibbs, an African-American man convicted for a rape and murder that occurred when he was out of state. And of Sunny Jacobs, who watched her husband writhe for 13 minutes in an electric chair, even though someone else had confessed to the murder he supposedly committed. And of Gary Gauger, who, after 12 hours of interrogation, falsely confessed to slitting the throats of his parents, and was convicted, despite the lack of physical evidence corroborating his claim. Or of David Keaton, who the police refused to exonerate, even after three other men were given life sentences for same crime.

The script of the performance is a compilation of court records and interviews with former inmates who have been exonerated.



PHOTO BY TIM JEAN

From left, Bill Stiles, Mary Shapiro and Jim Stalley act out a scene during a dress rehearsal of *The Exonerated*, a play that tells the stories of six wrongfully convicted survivors of death row in their own words. The play is sponsored by the Merrimack College Ministry and the Arts Series to be held at the Rogers Center for the Arts at Merrimack College.

"Everyone's circumstances are different, and they have been exonerated in a hodgepodge of ways. But their stories are intercut. They connect together, like a collage, and share both similarities and contradictions," says Kathleen Sills, director.

"It's a memory play, which goes back and forth between characters. There is no scenery. You might see moments being reenacted, but by and large it is people telling their stories in their words," says Priatt.

The Exonerated and the stories of the former death-row inmates will be brought to life on Friday and Saturday, Feb. 24

and 25 at the Rogers Center for the Arts at Merrimack College. The 90-minute play will include several students of Merrimack College along with local professional actors.

"This play is less about the death penalty, and more about a criminal justice system that allows wrongful convictions to take place and allows people to suffer and linger in jail for a number of years," says Sills.

Seconds Father Priatt, "The play is about the problems people face after getting out of prison and the images that they must fight for the rest of their lives. You can be exonerated, but on every application for

work for the rest of your life, you have to put down that you committed a crime." While the play presents an anti-death penalty stance, they say it does not preach. The heartfelt stories are allowed to do the talking.

Although *The Exonerated* has all the ingredients of a depressing night at the theater, Sills says the sense of hope and purpose it inspires overshadows its horrors.

"It really raises your consciousness. It's activating, not depressing. I was excited because I had learned about all of these stories, and I was convinced that I wanted to do something," says Sills.

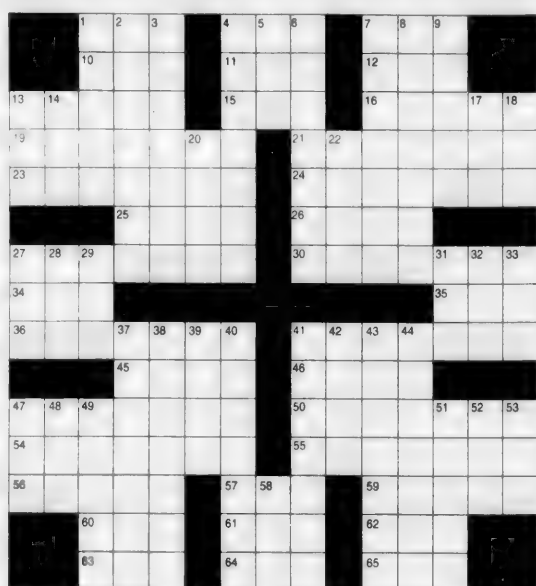


On Saturday, Feb. 25, Dragonfly: Art With Wings will host its first annual open house from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Above: *World of Confusion*. Dragonfly, run by owner Deb Venuti, is a creative arts center at 37 Walker Road in North Andover with an emphasis on drawing, painting, photography and journal writing. Aside from its "regular" art classes, Dragonfly offers classes specifically for survivors of cancer, people currently dealing with cancer, and their families. Call 978-682-7020, or check out dragonflyart@juno.com.

CROSSWORD PUZZLE

CLUES ACROSS

1. Doctors' group
4. One point north of due east
7. ___ ography: breast exam
10. Juniper berry-flavored liquor
11. River (Span.)
12. Fractional part (Fr.)
13. Lack of physiological tone
15. Publicities
16. Liabilities
19. Int'l relief organization
21. Blacknesses
23. Put to the test
24. Incompetent
25. Islamic ruler or chief
26. Battle of the M___ (WWI)
27. Otiose
30. Piecemeal
34. Supervises flying
35. Norman Roc___, painter
36. Endocrine gland
41. In an angry way
45. Long skirt
46. One point east of northeast
47. Uncover
50. Cuts indiscriminately
54. Neck garments
55. Marine bivalve mollusks
56. Wipe out recorded information
57. An awkward stupid person
59. Door swinging device
60. Costa del ___, Spain



61. ___ Farrow, actress
62. ___ Lilly, drug company
63. One or another
64. Stray
65. Substance for coloring

CLUES DOWN

1. A gathering place
2. Least possible
3. Whenever
4. Devices to remove chalk
5. Auction offer

6. Horse feeding gear
7. ___, pop star
8. Revenged
9. Oil company
13. Highest card
14. Make rigorous demands
17. Golf ball platform
18. Was United ___ (abbr.)
20. ___ tasia, royal pretender?
22. Prickly seed vessel
27. A city in European Russia
28. Woebegone
29. Used for hearing
31. Ukelele
32. Shoemaker's tool
33. ___ den jar: elec. capacitor
37. Ralph Waldo ___
38. Acts in an inexperienced way
39. Shaft on which a wheel spins
40. Gracefully slender
41. Thence (3 words)
42. Count on
43. Embarrassed
44. With imitation
47. Manipulation
48. Company that rings receipts
49. Seaport in Finland
51. Sonia ___, skater
52. Work unit
53. Midway between S and SE
58. What we breathe

EVENTS CALENDAR



Vocal ensemble Exultemus will present *O Rex Orbis: The Rhymed Office of Charlemagne* Sunday at Phillips Academy.

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Professor of history of art, University of Pennsylvania; program related to current exhibition, *Portraits of a People: Picturing African Americans in the 19th Century*, a traveling show featuring more than 100 images made of (and by) African Americans in various media; 3 p.m., free admission, Addison Gallery of American Art, Phillips Academy, corner of Route 28 and Chapel Avenue; 978-749-4015, www.addisongallery.org.

Open house, Dragonfly: Art With Wings will host its first annual open house, run by owner Deb Venuti. Dragonfly is a creative arts center with an emphasis on drawing, painting, photography and

journal writing; aside from the "regular" art classes, Dragonfly offers classes specifically for cancer survivors, people currently dealing with cancer, and their families; studio space is open for artists at set times, and in-home instruction is also available. Saturday's open house will showcase works by current students, and refreshments will be provided; 11 a.m.-4 p.m., donations welcome, and go to provide free art therapy classes for cancer survivors; Dragonfly: Art With Wings, 37 Walker Road, North Andover; Deb Venuti 978-682-7020. dragonflyart@juno.com.

Sunday, February 26

Concert, period vocal ensemble Exultemus will present *O Rex Orbis: The Rhymed Office of Charlemagne*, the program will consist of a recreation of the Vespers service from *Regali natus* (the *Rhymed Office of Charlemagne*) in the program's first half, followed by excerpts of chant and polyphony from the *Compline* service on the second half, sponsored by the Phillips Academy Music Department, 4 p.m., tickets are \$25 and \$15, and Phillips Academy students, faculty and staff are admitted.

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Call to artists

"Art on the Wall: A Juried Exhibition" will be presented by Gallery 181, a new exhibition site located in the dedicated, up and coming, arts-enticing Lawrence mill area. Organizers are seeking New England artists for this exhibition in a large, new space. Anything "on the wall" is eligible. Entry deadline is March 20.

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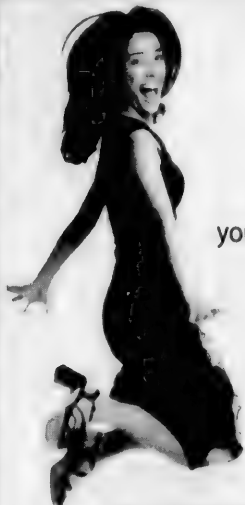
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ted free of charge with ID; tickets can be purchased online at www.exsultemus.org, or by telephone at 857-998-0219; Cochran Chapel on the Phillips Academy campus, 180 Main St.; 978-749-4263 or music@andover.edu.

Concert, Academy Concert Band and ensembles under the direction of Vincent Monaco, program will feature works by Richard Strauss, Serge Prokofiev and Antonin Dvorak, sponsored by the Phillips Academy Music Department, 1 p.m., free and open to the public, in the Cochran Chapel on the Phillips Academy campus, 180 Main St.; Music Department 978-749-4995

or music@andover.edu.

Auditions for Annie, Acting Out is holding auditions for girls ages 6-11, 1-3 p.m., at the Stage, 60 Island St., Lawrence; Linda Schoonmaker 978-794-0001 or actingout@earthlink.net.

Monday, February 27

No events listed.

Tuesday, February 28

FISH ON! ANDOVER 2006, fishing program with speaker: *Bluefin Tuna on Fly and Light Tackle* with Captain Derek Spingler and Nat Moody, owners of First Light Anglers in Rowley, who will pre-

sent a slide show and video about finding, chasing, hooking and landing tuna off Cape Ann and Cape Cod Bay; sponsored by Memorial Hall Library and the Friends of the Library, part of 7th annual month-long series of fishing programs and exhibits related to fishing, Tuesday evenings through tonight, program starts at 7 p.m., videos 6 p.m., free to the public, Memorial Hall Library, Elm Square; 978-623-8400.

Meeting, the Merrimack Valley People for Peace meet on the fourth Tuesday of every month at the North Parish Church in North Andover, the Feb. 28 meeting is at 7:30 p.m., all are welcome; more information and directions at www.merrimackvalleypeopleforpeace.org; Mary Todd 978-687-7864.

Jazz music, the Marshall Wood Quartet, 7:30-10:30 p.m., \$5 cover charge, the Sahara Club, 34 Bates St., Methuen; 978-683-9200.

Wednesday, March 1

Reading, Nikki Toeur, a Cambodian refugee, and Hue Nguyen, a Vietnamese refugee, both of whom now live in Lawrence, will each read from their memoirs; authors will be accompanied by their editor, author Peggy Ramback; sponsored by Northern Essex's Diversity Committee, Contemporary Affairs Club, Liberal Arts Revitalization Committee, and

the English as a Second Language Department, noon-1 p.m., free and open to the public, Technology Center, Haverhill campus, Northern Essex Community College; Judith Kamber 978-556-3955 or jkamber@nec.mass.edu.

Parent to Parent seminar, "It Takes a Village," child psychologist Lani Petersen describes "the perils and privileges of raising a child in today's culture," 7:30-9 p.m. (snow date: March 8), free, Pike School, Multi Purpose Room, Sunset Rock Road; Amy Riemer 978-475-4441.

Thursday, March 2

Author event, Jean Trounstein, editor of *Why I Am Still Married: Women Write Their Hearts Out on Love, Loss, Sex, and Who Does the Dishes* will be reading with Kathleen Aguerro, Helen Fremont, and Audrey Schulman, 7 p.m., free, Andover Bookstore, 89R Main St., Karen Harris 978-475-0143, www.andoverbookstore.com.

Mothers of Rock: A Tribute to Women in Music, 7:30 p.m., \$5 suggested donation, Durgin Hall at UMass Lowell, 35 Wilder St., Lowell; Kate Dore 978-360-7102.

Friday, March 3

Shabbat Across America, congregations across the USA are celebrating Shabbat together in services at 6 p.m., followed by fully catered Kosher dinner; guest rabbinical stu-

dent Gideon Estes, a second-year student at the Jewish Theological Seminary, will lead a discussion on "The Spirit of Shabbat"; there will be appropriate children's activities, followed by dessert for all; adults \$15, children 12 & under \$10 (maximum per family \$50); Congregation Beth Israel of the Merrimack Valley, 501 South Main St.; reservations required 978-474-0540.

Essex Art Center, featuring in the Main Gallery, "Being (Fe) male," an exhibition of work by Georgia Renfro (Andover), Sally Russell (Groton) and Thea Shapiro (Andover), in celebration of National Women's History Month, the artists will share their experiences and insights of being female through sculpture, photograph and mixed media pieces, March 3-April 7, opening reception March 3, 5-7 p.m.; and in the Elizabeth A. Beland Gallery, Life-o-rama: site-specific installation by Samantha Fields; galleries are free and open to the public; Essex Art Center, 56 Island St., Lawrence; Cathy McLaurin 978-685-2343, or www.essexartcenter.com.

Saturday, March 4

Concert, Ethan Miller and Kate Boverman perform folk-rock songs of hope, justice and struggle with acoustic guitar and rich vocal harmonies, 8 p.m., suggested donation of \$12, Unitarian Universalist Congregation in Andover, 6 Locke St.; 978-475-4454 office@uuandover.org.

Concert, celebrating Mozart's 250th birthday, "Mostly Mozart," presented by the New England Classical Singers, David Hodgkins, artistic director; members of the Lawrence

High School Girls Ensemble and the Treble Chorus of New England's Men's Ensemble join NECS in a performance of Mozart's vivacious *Vesperae solennes de confessore (Solemn Vespers)* K. 339, with guest artists Laura Harbert, soprano, Pamela Dellal, alto, Aaron Sheehan, tenor, and Aaron Engbreth, bass, accompanied by orchestra; in addition, NECS will perform Mozart's *Te Deum*, K. 141 accompanied by string orchestra, 7:30 p.m., \$20, \$15 seniors, \$5 students; Rogers Center for the Arts, Merrimack College, North Andover; box office 978-837-5355 or www.newenglandclassical.org.

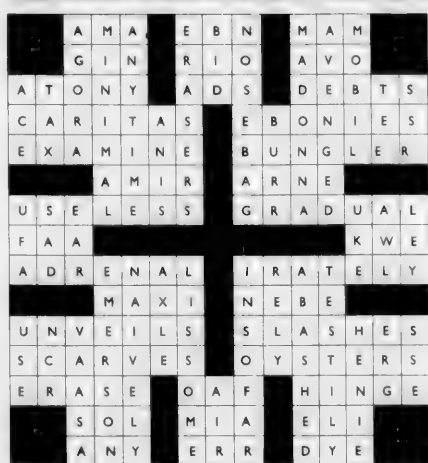
Amesbury Playhouse Dinner Theater continues its new Little People series for children ages preschool thru elementary, "Julie & Brownie" will teach lessons through puppetry, comedy, music and song with lots of audience participation; and closing today with *The Many Faces of Feelings*; two performances, 10:30 a.m. and 1:30 p.m.; tickets are \$8 per person, beverages and appetizer menu will be available to purchase, reservations recommended but not required, Amesbury Playhouse, 194 Main St., Amesbury; 978-388-9444 or www.amesburyplayhouse.org.

Sunday, March 5

From Medieval Gravestones to Years: Not So Ordinary Stories on Collecting Irish Treasures, Dr. Robert O'Neill, director of the John Burns Library of Rare Books and Special Collections at Boston College, will share fascinating stories from his experiences collecting all things of importance documenting the history, life and culture of the Irish people, program will feature Yeats family stories as told to Dr.

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EVENTS CALENDAR

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O'Neill by the poet's son; tales of stolen Irish artifacts and FBI stings; and accounts of how Boston College came to acquire the papers of Thomas Clarke, the first signer of the Proclamation of 1916; this presentation is part of the White Fund Enlightenment Series, 2 p.m., free and open to the public, Northern Essex Community College, 78-82 Amesbury St., Lawrence; 978-556-3700 or www.necc.mass.edu.

"Female Rebels and Mavericks," a slide lecture by Max Dashi, in honor of women's history month, highlighting a global spectrum of valiant and defiant women who have broken the rules, 7 p.m., free and open to the public, Unitarian Universalist Congregation, 6 Locke

St.; 978-470-1134.

Yoga hands-on workshop and demonstration. led by Patricia Walden, one of only two senior teachers in the US of the popular Iyengar Yoga method, workshop is targeted towards a broad audience (from beginners to experienced practitioners), 2-5 p.m., admission to this event is open to all and registration is \$75 per participant (participants should come in loose fitting clothes to do the asanas), Chinmaya Maruti Center, 1 Union St., Andover; to register, contact Brini Bhamati Chaitanya at 1-866-RAMDOOT; www.yoga301.com, www.chinmayamaruti.org.

Concert, Merrimack Valley Philharmonic Orchestra, George Monseur, director, presents "Serenade Over the Canyon," performing Dvorak's

Serenade For Winds and Grofe's *Grand Canyon Suite*, also, Paschale Delache-Feldman, double-bass soloist, will perform *Concerto No. 2 in B minor* for Double Bass and Orchestra by Giovanni Bottesini; 2:30 p.m., \$15, \$10 seniors and students, \$5 children under 12; Rogers Center for the Arts, Merrimack College, North Andover; 978-685-3505 or www.mvpmusic.org.



Paschale Delache-Feldman

GERIDEAU-SQUIRES

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"People who haven't spent their lives traveling all around can't understand what a treat it is to feel truly part of a community," she says.

Her professionally framed and matted photographs sell for between \$150 to \$850 and range in size from 8x10 to 13x17, she says.

Gerideau-Squires recently joined an artist colony in Lowell called Western Avenue Studios.

Located inside a former mill, artists set up their own studios and the public can view their work on the first Saturday of each month.

Her immediate goals include getting her Lowell studio up and running and focusing on her abstract work.

"I want to spend time undistracted and be able to think creatively," she says.

Next up is a solo exhibit at the Newburyport Art Association in September.

Asked if she plans to stick with her photography, she responds with an unequivocal yes. "This is my lifeline," she



"Fabrique II," photographic art by Wilda Gerideau-Squires.

says.

If you would like to see Wilda Gerideau-Squires' works: "Fabrique II" has been juried in the Concord Art Association's Member Juried Exhibition II running through Feb. 26 at 37 Lexington Road in Concord, Mass.

"Abstract Dune" and "Fab-

rique I" are on display at the Art League of Lowell's juried show called "Abstraction," running through March 5 at 256 Market St. in Lowell.

Her works are also on display at the Newburyport Art Association's Winter Exhibit II through March 15 at 65 Water St., Newburyport.

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Sports

AHS ROUNDUP

Seeking perfection

Basketball teams wrap up regular season with power

By Rick Harrison

What a week for Andover High varsity basketball teams.

The girls, completing their second perfect 20-0 regular season, started an impressive six-day stretch against four formidable opponents by clinching the Merrimack Valley Conference Division 1 title with a 55-52 victory over Lowell at the Dunn Gym.

After that it was three road wins in three days – beginning with a 48-45 conquest of Central Catholic in their twice-postponed battle at Central.

Refusing to succumb to the possibility of a letdown after the Lowell game, the champs won at Central for the first time in four years to complete a perfect 14-0 conference campaign.

The Lady Warriors then captured their third tournament title of the season, winning the St. Mary's of Lynn Spartan Classic with a pair of come-from-behind victories over Needham, 66-54, and Gloucester, 54-47.

Wary Andover trailed at halftime of both games, but dug down and found the necessary reserve and resolve to protect and extend their undefeated record.

"Three games in three nights was tough – without question," said head coach Jim Tildsley. "But I know these kids and I knew they could do it. I've seen them do it before in AAU ball."

"It was a great accomplishment to beat those three teams on successive nights," added Tildsley. "It's good to be in close games like that and come up with the big plays. It does so much for the confidence."

"It's really scary because we're still such a young team (four seniors, one senior starter)."

Earlier this winter, Andover captured the Gardner and Greater Lawrence Holiday Tournaments.

Before completing the regular season last night at Haverhill, after *Townsmen* presstime, the Andover boys slew one giant and came within inches and seconds of humbling a second basketball behemoth before settling for second place in the annual Comcast Tournament at Boston College High in Dorchester.

The Golden Warriors outslugged Charlestown 88-76 in the semifinals, and had unbeaten reigning State Division 1 champ Newton North and its three Division 1 college scholarship recruits on the ropes before dropping a pulsating 60-59 decision in the televised final.

Along the way Greg Vetrano became the fifth Andover High boys basketball player to reach the 1,000-point plateau.

Elsewhere, the AHS girls hockey team nailed down a league championship and track stars Rachel Fox (600 meters) and Pierre Hage (300 meters) became State Division 1 champions.

BOYS BASKETBALL

The Andover High boys varsity basketball team gained a huge chunk of respect as it gave vaunted Newton North all it bargained for in the 60-59 Comcast Tournament title game, viewed by a large in-house crowd at B.C. High and the audience watching the live telecast.

The locals led 33-28 at the half and 56-52 in the closing minutes, before North went on an 8-3 run to preserve its unbeaten status (21-0) and win the prestigious tourney for the first time.

AHS had a last-ditch chance to snatch

the game away after Newton missed the front end of a 1-on-1 at the free throw line with 5.5 seconds remaining.

But a gallant coast-to-coast trip by Tournament MVP Casey Cosgrove ended with a slight stumble in the lane, a defensive challenge that was just distracting enough and a missed lefty layup at the buzzer.

As the instant-classic ended – AHS head coach Dave Fazio raced on the floor to embrace disconsolate senior guard and Capt. Cosgrove, whose Herculean bid to win it fell just short.

For his performances in both games, Cosgrove was voted the best in show even though his club did not win it.

North escaped its mighty scare with a 21-0 overall record, while Andover dipped to 15-5 which included an 88-76 semifinal round win over perennial power Charlestown.

At presstime the MVC Division 1 title was still up for grabs, although the Golden Warriors remained in position to earn at least a share of the championship with one conference game remaining.

Andover, 10-2 in league play, traveled to Haverhill last night (Wednesday) for the makeup of a game postponed by snow last Sunday.

AHS beat the Hillies handily, 73-55, on Jan. 27 at the Dunn.

Scoring leaders

After 20 games, Greg Vetrano led AHS with 348 points (17.4 ave.) and Casey Cosgrove had 342.

Bobby Hughes boasted 217 points, Ian Dempsey 115 and Tristan Shannon 106.

Vetrano, the second player in his family to eclipse 1,000 career points, now has 1,023 and Cosgrove 772.

Greg and brother Chris Vetrano, the all-time leading AHS scorer now at UNH, are the only brother combo to both hit 1,000 while siblings Ashley and Tom McLaughlin both did it.

MIAA pairings

Pairings for the single-elimination Division 1 North Tournament are scheduled to be drawn tomorrow (Friday) and play could begin as early as this Sunday.

It looks like 13 teams will qualify.

The Golden Warriors, whose first game should be on the home floor, will enter the MIAA tourney with a perfect 8-0 record at the Dunn this winter including wins over powers BC High (66-63), Central Catholic (48-43), Lawrence (63-57) and J.D. O'Bryant of Boston (71-62).

COMCAST TOURNAMENT SEMIFINAL ROUND Andover 88 Charlestown 76

The Golden Warriors do not always fare well in these racehorse shootouts, but with 1-2-3 punch Greg Vetrano, Casey Cosgrove and Bobby Hughes combining for 71 AHS chalked up a season-high (by one) 88 points and did some serious damage at the free throw line.

Andover, which maintained a slim lead throughout the game including 40-36 at the half, converted 26-of-32 foul shots (81 percent) including a perfect 11-for-11 by Cosgrove and 7-of-8 by Vetrano.

Overall the locals outscored perennial State Division 2 power Charlestown 26-11 at the stripe, the Townies struggling with only 11-for-23.

Charlestown had a slim 28-26 edge in field goals.

Cosgrove finished with a game-high 29 points, Vetrano added 25 and Hughes had 17 including his first two three-pointers of the season (Cosgrove and Vetrano had four each).

Sophomore forwards Peter White and Chris Abreu pumped in nine and five points respectively.

Netting a free throw each were Ian Dempsey, sophomore guard Derek Beasley and junior forward Gordon Dubois.

The win was a costly one, however, as Tristan Shannon and Abreu both suffered injuries.

CHAMPIONSHIP GAME Newton North 60 Andover 59

The underdog Golden Warriors' ability to fire away successfully from three-point range enabled them to almost pull this one out – as they constantly frustrated the Tigers and helped offset North's powerhouse inside game.

Newton led 22-15 midway through the first half, before both teams ratcheted up their defensive intensity and caused a series of turnovers and forced shots.

Andover came on strong at the close of the half on several three-point bombs by Greg Vetrano and Casey Cosgrove, taking momentum and a 33-28 lead to the locker room at the break.

North went on a 7-1 run to open the second half, regaining a 35-34 lead, and from that point on it was back-and-forth with the rivals trading mini-runs and huge plays that influenced the outcome.

With the locals ahead 56-52, North's theretofore silent point-guard Corey Lowe (Providence College-bound) drained a three-pointer to make it 56-55.

Ian Dempsey countered with a clutch trey for Andover, but the dramatic shots kept on coming as Jason Riffe countered with another around-the-rim-and-in three for Newton.

With Andover clinging to a 59-58 lead and 14.5 seconds left, Lowe was fouled and – following a timeout – calmly swished a pair of free throws that became the tying and winning points after AHS came up empty during the wild finish.

Cosgrove was the top scorer for the Golden Warriors with 18 points, 11 in the second half, and Vetrano added 17 including 15 in the first half.

Cosgrove also pulled down eight rebounds and delivered five assists.

Bobby Hughes tossed in 10 points and snagged seven boards, Dempsey finished with six, Peter White four and Gordon DuBois four.

GIRLS BASKETBALL

The Andover High girls nailed down the No. 1 spot in the Eastern Mass. polls, and are a lock for the top seed in the upcoming Division 1 North Tournament following their sensational stretch run.

The Lady Warriors, who have put together three 19-1 and two 18-2 regular seasons under head coach Jim Tildsley, last entered the North Tournament at 20-0 in 1996-97 which was Tildsley's second year at AHS.

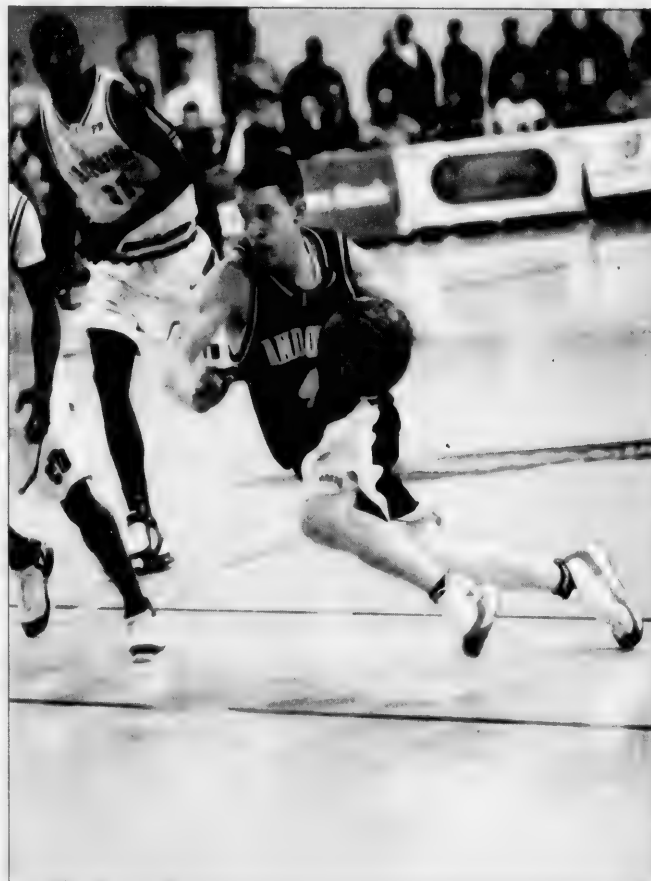
His overall record to date at Andover is 221-34 for a sizzling .867 winning percentage.

The locals have now won 29 in a row at

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After 20 games, Greg Vetrano (above) led AHS with 348 points (a 17.4 average) and Casey Cosgrove (below) had 342. Vetrano scored his 1,000th career point against Charlestown. He now has 1,023 and Cosgrove 772.



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the Dunn Gym (including North Tournaments), going 8-0 this season and 11-0 last winter. They also won 10 straight in 2003-2004 after a 59-56 overtime loss to Peabody on Dec. 23, 2003.

MIAA pairings

Pairings for the single-elimination Division 1 North Tournament are scheduled to be drawn tomorrow (Friday) and play could begin as early as Sunday or Monday.

Depending on the number of qualifiers, Andover could skip all the way to the quarterfinal round with byes and will definitely open with a home game at the Dunn.

"We could be off until a week from Friday," said coach Tildsley. "Anticipating that, we have a scrimmage lined up with Melrose on Monday and we're trying to get a second one."

"I don't like being off that long – almost two weeks between games. I wouldn't mind playing a first round game – to keep the competitive edge – but we'll get the bye through to the quarters."

"Lowell, Central Catholic and us are the three best teams in the bracket. It's a shame we'll probably end up knocking each other off."

Scoring leaders

Meghan Thomann tops the point parade through 20 games, heading into the MIAA tourney with 285 for a 14.3 average. She also has a team-high 66 three-pointers.

Maggie Cosgrove has 255 points, Laura Renfro 154 and Lauren Hughes 126.

Cosgrove has 592 career points and Thomann 523.

Andover 55
Lowell 52

Whew! An estimated 1,200 fans packed the Dunn Gym and got their money's worth, as the MVC girls hoop "Game of the Year" lived up

to the hype.

And then some.

The AHS win clinched the MVC Division 1 title outright, opening a two-game lead over Lowell with no league games left for the Red Raiders.

"Lowell is a very, very good basketball team and they pushed us to the limit," said coach Tildsley. "Both teams played extremely well and I'm very happy with the way we hung in and executed at the end of the game."

Lowell (15-3, 12-2 MVC), trailing by 11 at the half (33-22) and by 18 with 11 minutes to play (45-27), mounted an impressive comeback and caused some anxious moments for the Lady Warriors as they outscored the champs 25-10 the rest of the way.

"It was a combination of things that allowed them to get back in the game," said Tildsley. "We were working the shot clock down on every possession and getting good looks – but the ball just wasn't falling for us."

"At the same time Lowell was on fire – especially (guard Ashley) Rivera – and as the game got closer their confidence grew."

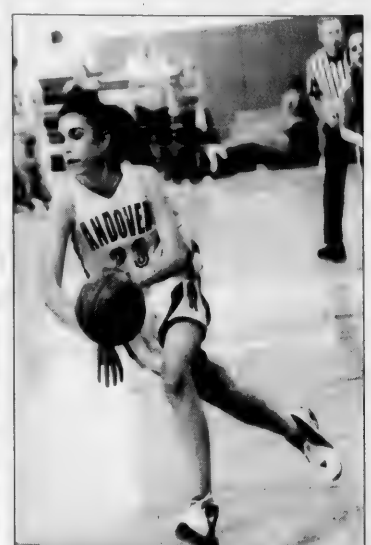
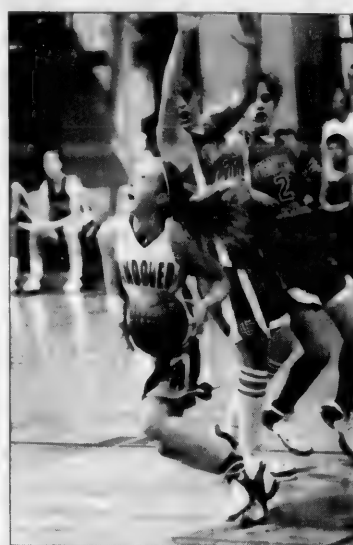
A three-pointer by Meghan Thomann, who scored all 13 of her team-high points in the second half, gave AHS a 53-45 lead with 4:22 left.

Lowell countered with a 5-0 run – three free throws and a Rivera lay-up – to make it 53-50 with 40 seconds remaining in the game.

"The play of the game for us came on our next time up the floor," said Tildsley. "We went to our 1-4 offensive set and Kelly O'Dea passed to Thomann streaking to the basket and the hoop that put us up, 55-50."

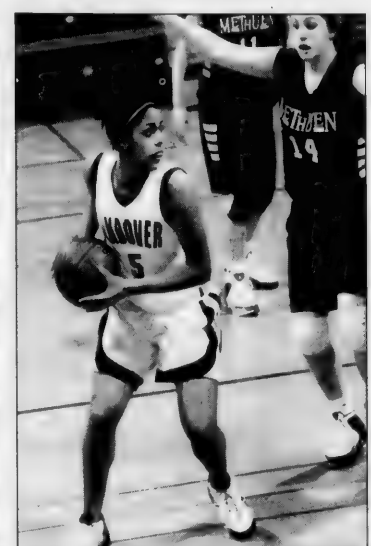
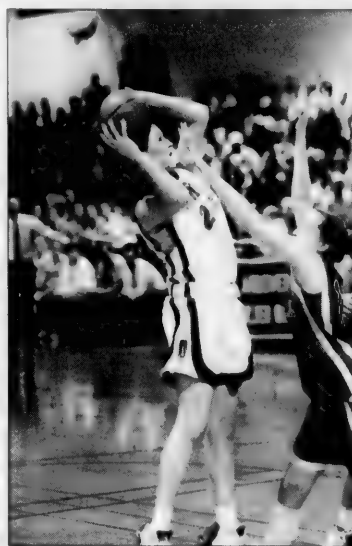
The first half was very up-tempo, Laura Renfro getting Andover started with a pair of quick threes, and Lauren Hughes also netted all eight of her points before the break.

"We only had 10 turnovers in the game and that was a big key," said



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From left (top row) Meghan Thomann leads the unbeaten Lady Warriors with 285 points, followed by Maggie Cosgrove with 255 and Laura Renfro with 154. Bottom row: Lauren Hughes has 126 points, Jen Merinder 71, and Amanda Fantini 64.



Tildsley. "The Fantinis, Emily (Pallotta) and Jenny (Merinder) came off the bench and gave us some quality minutes in the first half."

"Hughes was immense underneath (nine rebounds), clogging the middle, and Renfro did a terrific job both ways. She steps up in the big games."

"Defensively she took care of (Meghan) Cavanaugh. Mike (Lowell coach Crowley) is really high on Cavanaugh and she finished with no field goals and only two points," said Tildsley.

"We also held (1,000-point scorer Courtney) Schermerhorn to five points in the first half and 12 for the game."

In addition to her 13 second-half points, Thomann had seven rebounds, three assists and a steal.

Renfro scored 11 points, nailed a trio of threes, and she contributed three assists.

Maggie Cosgrove produced 10 points, seven assists, five boards and two steals.

Hughes finished with eight points, nine rebounds and two assists, Jen Merinder four points, five boards and Kelly O'Dea four points.

Camille Fantini nailed a trey and Pallotta had a field goal and four assists.

Rivera led all scorers with 17 points, Schermerhorn had 12 and Kelly Rogers 11.

Andover shot 21-for-51 from the

floor (41 percent), including a respectable 9-for-24 from behind the arc (38 percent).

Lowell had a decided edge at the free throw line, finishing 15-for-20 to the Lady Warriors' 4-for-7.

Andover handed the Red Raiders their only other MVC loss, 54-44, on Jan. 6.

Andover 48
Central Catholic 45

This game – which lost some of its impact after Andover knocked off Lowell to clinch the MVC crown – was still crucial in terms of keeping the perfect record intact.

It was also important because the Raiders had beaten AHS three straight times on their Lawrence court, 63-55 last year, 54-49 two years ago and 53-50 for the only regular season setback (19-1) in 2002-03.

The Lady Warriors' last regular season win at Central – a team they have also met in the MIAA tourney each of the last three years – was 52-50 on Dec. 14, 2001 on the way to a 19-1 record.

"We hit four three-pointers right away and jumped out to a 12-2 lead," said Tildsley. "It was important to get off to a quick start."

Andover led 25-17 at the half and had a seemingly-comfortable 42-29 lead with eight minutes left before CCHS made a strong 16-6 closing run to create some anxiety.

"Our kids realized it was still a big game for us – and they showed a lot of gumption when Central rallied back. We could have folded."

Meghan Thomann led the AHS scoring parade with 20 points, including five threes, and she also corralled five rebounds.

Maggie Cosgrove contributed nine points, six assists, three boards and Lauren Hughes added eight points.

Laura Renfro produced six points, three assists and three rebounds.

Amanda Fantini and Kelly O'Dea notched a basket each, while Fantini had three rebounds and O'Dea two steals.

Emily Pallotta completed the winners' attack with a free throw.

ST. MARY'S SPARTAN
CLASSIC SEMIFINAL
Andover 66
Needham 54

Although trailing 34-30 at the break, AHS took control with a 24-6 run that started late in the first half and carried over to the start of the second.

A huge factor was the Lady Warriors' long-range accuracy as they drained 13 three-pointers to only three

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ANDOVER SCORING

GIRLS BASKETBALL
(20 games)

	FG	FT	Pts.
Meghan Thomann	100	19	285
Maggie Cosgrove	92	45	255
Laura Renfro	54	15	154
Lauren Hughes	54	18	126
Jen Merinder	28	15	71
Amanda Fantini	25	14	64
Kelly O'Dea	19	17	58
Camille Fantini	22	3	54
Emily Pallotta	18	12	51
Kasey O'Dea	12	0	29
Sara Kelleher	9	1	19
Ilana Cohen	6	0	15
Sarah LoMedico	4	0	8
Jordy Shoemaker	4	0	8
Kelly Driscoll	3	1	7

3-pointers: Meghan Thomann 66, Laura Renfro 31, Maggie Cosgrove 26, Camille Fantini 7, Kasey O'Dea 5, Ilana Cohen 3, Emily Pallotta 3, Kelly O'Dea 1.

BOYS BASKETBALL
(20 games)

	FG	FT	Pts.
Greg Vetrano	110	75	348
Casey Cosgrove	115	59	342
Bobby Hughes	95	24	217
Ian Dempsey	42	16	115
Tristan Shannon	42	22	106
Peter White	31	16	78
Chris Abreu	29	16	74
Tyler Carroll	6	6	18
Gordon Dubois	4	5	13
Sam Ball	3	4	12
Max Ball	3	1	9
Derek Beasley	0	1	1

3-pointers: Greg Vetrano 53, Casey Cosgrove 53, Ian Dempsey 15, Bobby Hughes 3, Max Ball 2, Sam Ball 2.



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Bobby Hughes puts one up against Newton North. Hughes has 217 points this season, including 10 against Newton North in the Comcast Tournament championship game.

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for the Bay State League Rockets.

The rugged Andover defense also kicked in after the break, yielding only 20 points to Needham in the final 16 minutes.

Laura Renfro produced a monstrous career night with a personal- and game-high 26 points. She buried five treys and also handed out four assists.

"Laura was unbelievable," said Tildsley. "She finished 9-for-13 from the floor including 5-for-7 in three-pointers."

Meghan Thomann was immense once again with 22 points, including six trifectas, which complimented a floor game that featured eight rebounds, five assists and three steals.

Maggie Cosgrove tossed in 12 points, dished out six assists and picked off four steals.

That trio accounted for 60 of the points, leaving Lauren Hughes with four points and Jen Merinder a bucket to complete the offense. Camille Fantini also helped control the boards.

"As a team we were 13-for-21 with the threes (62 percent)," marveled Tildsley. "Jen Merinder and Camille Fantini played outstanding second halves. Camille completely shut down Needham's top scorer (Mosgrove) in the second half - holding her to one field goal after we switched the defensive assignments."

CHAMPIONSHIP GAME
Andover 54
Gloucester 47

The title game was nip-and-tuck throughout, with several lead changes and a 24-23 Gloucester advantage at the half.

Once again Andover's prowess from behind the arc came into play, the champs banging home six three-pointers to none for Gloucester (a pivotal 18-0 scoring edge).

"They played a 1-3-1 zone and it was tough," said Tildsley. "They are a very physical team and they beat us up a little."

Maggie Cosgrove led three locals into twin figures with 16 points, including eight from the free throw line, while Megan Thomann tossed in 13 and Lauren Hughes had 10.

"You could tell Meghan and Maggie were leg weary in the second half - and couldn't get the usual push on their outside shots," said Tildsley.

"But down the stretch Maggie stepped up big time - sticking a huge 'three' right when we needed it. And Hughes was awesome - getting to every loose ball."

Kelly O'Dea netted eight points, six at the charity stripe, and Laura Renfro accounted for five.

Amanda Fantini added a field goal and quality minutes off the bench were contributed by Jen Merinder, Emily Pallotta and Camille Fantini.

"We were in a lot of foul trouble the whole game - but Emily came off the bench and was able to spot some of our starters and keep them from fouling out. It was her best game since coming back off the injury."

"We played nine girls in the game and they all contributed significantly," said Tildsley.

INDOOR TRACK

The Andover High girls and boys indoor track teams turned in two more laudable showings at the annual MAAA Division 1 Championship Meet at the Reggie Lewis Athletic Center in Roxbury.

The AHS girls, MVC Meet champions, placed 9th in a 27-school field with 19 points, while the MVC 1 dual-meet champion boys tied for 7th among 26 schools with 22 points.

State Division 1 team titlists are the Acton-Boxboro High girls (36 points) and the Lexington High boys (48 points).

The top six individual finishers in each event scored - and the top five were assured of advancing to the All-State Championship Meet tomorrow (Friday) at the Lewis Center.

Andover's All-State qualifiers include Rachel Fox, Pierre Hage, Nate Baker and Jason Sheldon.

Division 1 State Meet
Girls Division

Rachel Fox pounded out another impressive victory in the 600 meter run, chalking up 10 points and walking away as the State Division 1 champ with a 1:38.77 clocking.

Fox won by a reasonably comfortable margin as junior Kat Chiong of Newton North and senior Libby Mislan of Lexington both recorded 1:39.55 times for second and third respectively.

The Lady Warriors' 4x200 sprint relay placed third in 1:48.22, trailing a meet-record performance of 1:44.23 by Cambridge and Acton-Boxboro at 1:45.61.

The 4x400 relay of Melissa Knapp, Jenn Johnson, Colleen Shannon and Fox finished fifth in 4:10.2.

The final point came from senior shot putter and Capt. Sarah Thompson who was sixth with a top toss of 33'1."

Sophomore Casey Harrison barely missed scoring in the mile after a 7th-place finish in 5:28.87, and sophomore high jumper Jess Forster tied for 7th after clearing 5 feet (1.52 meters).

Only two girls jumped higher but Forster slipped down by virtue of more misses.

In the 55-meter hurdles, Capt. Brittany Pierce qualified third in the prelims (8.87) but did not run in the finals.

The 4x800 relay was 10th in 10:17.35. Junior Chrissy Peracchi finished 14th in the 55-meter dash, advancing to the semifinals where she ran a 7.73.

Sophomore Bizzy DiTroia covered the 50 in 7.86, while in the 300 meter dash sophomore Sara York placed 23rd in 45.31 and sophomore Kaylee Pettoruto was 34th in 45.92.

Senior Amy Boxell placed 25th in the 600 run (1:48.86).

Boys Division

Senior sprint standout and Capt. Pierre Hage is the State Division 1 champ in the boys 300 meter dash, crossing in 35.95 seconds after placing fourth in the prelims (36.63).

Hage won by a healthy margin over runner-up Alex Miller of Lincoln-Sudbury

(36.29).

Junior Nate Baker gave Andover 12 points in the event when he finished 5th in 36.56 which was a shade better than his prelim time of 36.71.

Racking up eight more points with a second-place showing was the 4x200 sprint relay of Hage, senior Capt. Jason Sheldon, senior Capt. Jeff Belardo and senior Capt. Adam Cuomo.

The Andover foursome was clocked in 1:32.41 and winner Lexington High in 1:31.08.

Sheldon placed in two events, finishing 6th in both the 55-meter dash (6.75) and the long jump (20'9").

Andrew Wheelwright tied for 7th in the high jump, clearing 5'11," and senior Cuomo was 8th in the 55-meter hurdles prelims (8.25).

Baker also competed in the long jump and settled for 10th place with a top leap of 19'4 1/4."

Senior Capt. Ben Ossoff ran the 600 meters in 1:26.06 for 13th place, while senior Capt. Mike Baldwin checked in at 1:30.38.

Junior Peter Shaw was 17th in the two-mile (10:01.54) and Frank Perrone ran the mile in 4:49.40.

Senior Capt. John Kim unloaded a 42'4" shot put toss for 21st place.

Jeff Belardo reached the 55-meter dash semifinals with a 6.84 in the prelims.

GIRLS GYMNASTICS

The Andover High girls gymnastics team is set to compete in the 2006 North Sectional Championship Meet tomorrow (Friday) night at Beverly High (6 p.m.).

The Lady Warriors, 9-2 overall and 5-2 for third place in the final Merrimack Valley Conference dual-meet standings behind Chelmsford and Dracut, are seeded 8th in a 10-team field.

State Individual Meet

Andover was represented by Becky Robichaud and Kristen Coneeny in the annual State Individuals at Beverly High.

Robichaud competed on beam and placed sixth in the state with an 8.75 score, while Coneeny tied for 8th in the vault with a solid 8.925 mark.

Katie Infantine qualified on bars but was sidelined by a recurring ankle injury.

Sophomore Ali Carr of Chelmsford High, seeded first in three events, had a big meet with a first place on beam (9.425), second on the uneven bars (9.6) and second in floor exercise (9.2).

Injury report

Katie Infantine will definitely miss the North Sectionals after re-injuring her ankle for the second time.

Christina Muccio, also plagued by ankle problems most of the season, is expected to compete on bars but is questionable for beam and definitely out of the vault and floor.

"Not having Katie is personally (for her) and team-wise a big loss," said AHS co-head coach Julie Chapman.

"Having Christina limited to one or possibly two events also hurts - but because of our depth it's not a total disaster."

North Sectional Meet

AHS finished the regular season with an average score of 139.10 (top four meets).

Most years that would have been good enough for the top seed - but with North individual and team scores skyrocketing it was barely enough for the locals to qualify.

MVC champ Chelmsford is the top seed with an astronomical 146.23 average, followed by No. 2 Masconomet Regional of Topsfield (145.09), No. 3 Dracut (144.03), No. 4 North Andover (143.80), No. 5 Reading (140.5625), No. 6 Danvers (140.05), No. 7 Westford Academy (139.76), Andover, No. 9 Algonquin Regional of Northboro (138.1375) and No. 10 Hamilton-Wenham (137.9825).

The top four teams at the Sectionals will advance to the All-State Team Championship Meet on Friday night, March 3 at Shrewsbury High (6 p.m.).

Multi-time state champ Barnstable in the top seed for the South Sectional with a tamer 142.1625 average.

Also competing for South honors will be No. 2 Bridgewater-Raynham (140.80), No. 3 Sharon (139.75), No. 4 Canton (136.1725), No. 5 Attleboro (135.95), No. 6 Mansfield (135.2825), No. 7 Braintree (133.6425), No. 8 Foxboro (133.4825), No. 9 Somerset (132.1250) and No. 10 Notre Dame Academy-Hingham (131.2325).

"I don't know where all these incredible North scores are coming from," said coach Chapman. "The South scores are more realistic."

"There are some North dual-meet judges that go a little crazy with their marks. They're making it look almost too easy - but once you get to the Sectionals and State Meet the best judges are there and the scores are a truer reflection of the performances."

"I told the girls being seeded 8th - we have nowhere to go but up," said Chapman. "We beat Westford Academy in a dual meet already and when it comes to Sectionals - our kids usually rise to the occasion while some of these higher seeds can't handle the pressure and fold."

Masconomet was weakened recently when a top gymnast blew out a knee and is gone for the balance of the season. "That's a huge loss for them," said Chapman.

"Our average score is pretty remarkable considering the injuries we've had," added the coach. "Even though we're seeded eighth I think we have a good shot at finishing top four and advancing to states. It's going to be interesting."

Blue/Gold Meets

To stay competitively sharp for the Sectionals, the AHS girls held their annual Blue/Gold intra-squad meets two days apart at the Dunn Gym.

"It's a chance to get everyone up and keep them active," said coach Chapman.

"We were missing a few kids for the first meet (flu and prior commitments) - but everyone participated in the second one. This is the last meet of their high school career for some of these kids."

"We challenged them to be more creative for the second meet - and they really came through. The Blue team dressed as superheroes and charged into the gym to the Rocky theme. The Gold team dressed as bumblebees and had the crowd doing the wave."

"The Blue team got two extra points for creativity and the Gold team got two points for spirit," said Chapman.

After the second meet the whole team came together for a pizza party.

The Blue team, led by individual event winners Lauren Colby (balance beam, 8.8), Kristen Coneeny (vault, 8.2) and Alyssa Geary (floor exercise, 8.4), won the first meet 117.50 to 115.20.

Sarah Coneeny of Gold was tops on bars with an 8.7 and Leah Psinos finished a close second at 8.6.

Although the Blue placed first in three events once again at the second meet, the Gold won 138.50 to 136.70.

Finishing first for Blue were Christina Muccio on bars (8.8), Kathryn Sullivan in vault (8.5) and Stephanie Shin in floor (8.5). Gold's Becky Robichaud was first on beam (9.1).

Meet 1
BLUE 117.50, GOLD 115.20
at Dunn Gym

UNEVEN BARS: 1. Sarah Coneeny (G) 8.7; 2. Leah Psinos (G) 8.6; 3. Christina Muccio (B) 8.55; 4. Kristen Coneeny (B) 8.4; 5. Carly Verette (G) 8.3; 6. Alyssa Geary (B) 7.6; 7. Marilyn Fontaine (G) 7.3; 8. Emily Benham (B) 6.7.

BALANCE BEAM: 1. Lauren Colby (B) 8.8; 2. Casey Jaroch (G) 7.9; 3. Donna Lamontagne (B) 7.5; 4. Alyssa Geary (B) 7.3; 5. Jackie Hung (G) 7.2; 6. Caroline Biles (B) 6.5; 7. Devin Geary (G) 6.4; 8. Sonal Mehta (G) 6.2.

VAULT: 1. Kristen Coneeny (B) 8.2; 2. Lauren Colby (B) 8.15; 3. (tie) Kelly Sullivan (G) & Leah Psinos (G) 8.1; 5. Marilyn Fontaine (G) 8.0; 6. Emily Benham (B) 7.2.

FLOOR EXERCISE: 1. Alyssa Geary (B) 8.4; 2. (tie) Stephanie Shin (B), Caroline Biles (B) & Marilyn Fontaine (G) 8.2; 5. Emily Benham (B) 7.8; 6. Devin Geary (G) 7.7; 7. Kelly Sullivan (G) 7.5; 8. Brittany Hockman (G) 7.1.

Meet 2
GOLD 138.50, BLUE 136.70
at Dunn Gym

UNEVEN BARS: 1. Christina Muccio (B) 8.8; 2. Kristen Coneeny (B) 8.5; 3. (tie) Carly Verette (G) & Sarah Coneeny (G) 8.3; 5. Renee Coiro (B) 8.1; 6. Marilyn Fontaine (G) 7.7; 7. Leah Psinos (G) 7.5; 8. Alyssa Geary (B) 7.4; 9. (tie) Casey Jaroch (G) & Emily Benham (B) 6.5.

BALANCE BEAM: 1. Becky Robichaud (G) 9.1; 2. Casey Jaroch (G) 8.8; 3. Kathryn Sullivan (B) 8.45; 4. Alyssa Geary (B) 8.35; 5. Caroline Biles (B) 8.15; 6. Lauren Colby (B) 8.1; 7. Jackie Hung (G) 8.0; 8. Sonal Mehta (G) 7.2; 9. Devin Geary (G) 6.6.

VAULT: 1. Kathryn Sullivan (B) 8.5; 2. Kelly Sullivan (G) 8.4; 3. Steph Theroux (G) 8.3; 4. Leah Psinos (G) 8.25; 5. Marilyn Fontaine (G) 8.1; 6. Emily Benham (B) 7.6; 7. Lauren Colby (B) 6.2.

FLOOR EXERCISE: 1. Stephanie Shin (B) 8.5; 2. Kathryn Sullivan (B) 8.35; 3. Marilyn Fontaine (G) 8.2; 4. Alyssa Geary (B) 8.0; 5. Caroline Biles (B) 7.8; 6. Kelly Sullivan (G) 7.75; 7. Devin Geary (G) 7.7; 8. Emily Benham (B) 7.5.

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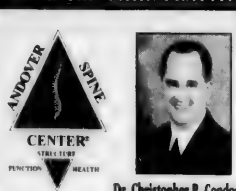
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AHS ROUNDUP

■ ICE HOCKEY

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GIRLS ICE HOCKEY

The Andover High girls ice hockey team clinched at least a share of the 2005-06 Metro North League championship, riding a hat trick by Kirsten Costagliola to a convincing 7-1 romp over Algonquin Regional of Northboro at the North Star Arena in Westboro.

In a subsequent showdown of Division 1 and 2 state title contenders, Austin Prep handed the Lady Warriors a 4-1 setback in their regular season finale at Stoneham Arena.

AHS will enter the impending MIAA State Division 2 Tournament at 14-4-2 overall, including a final 8-1-1 mark as leader of the Metro North League.

The only team that can share the MNL championship with Andover is Arlington, which had to beat powerful Billerica (15-2) on the final day of regular season play yesterday (Wednesday) after *Townsmen* presstime.

Billerica, however, was without its top two players – sisters Brianna and Alyssa Verley – who left the team two weeks ago.

Arlington's only league loss was to Billerica, while Arlington handed Andover its lone league setback (4-3) and AHS beat Billerica twice (4-1 and 3-2).

The Andover girls have outscored the opposition by a wide 79-28 margin over 20 games, recording six shutouts (Waltham twice, Algonquin Regional, Everett, Marblehead, Masco) and holding eight other teams to one goal each.

MIAA pairings

Pairings for the single-elimination Division 2 State Tournament are scheduled to be drawn this Saturday, and play in the single-elimination event could begin as early as Sunday or Monday.

AHS was a semifinalist in the tournament the past two years, dropping close decisions to Wellesley and St. Mary's High of Lynn.

Scoring leaders

Maria Nasta leads the scoring parade with 35 goals and 11 assists for 46 points through 20 games.

Becky Cairns, who joined Nasta in the career 100-point club earlier this season, has 16 goals and 14 assists for 30 points.

For her career, Nasta has 128 goals and 63 assists for 191 points while Cairns, a junior, has 50 goals, 76 assists, 126 points.

All-Conference

Forwards Maria Nasta and Becky Cairns, along with goalie Christina Cahill, have been named to the six-player Metro North All-Conference Team.

Those three, along with forward Johnson, Danielle Paonessa and Trish Martin, will play in the Girls Eastern Mass. Independent Hockey League All-Star Game this Saturday at the Chelmsford Forum in Billerica.

Bill McCarthy has also been chosen the Metro North All-Conference Coach of the Year.

Andover 7 Algonquin Regional 1

Senior forward Kirsten Costagliola scored a natural hat trick to spark the champs, netting the team's 3rd, 4th and 5th goals all unassisted.

Adding a goal each for AHS, which led 3-0 after one period and 6-0 after two, were senior defender and Assistant Capt. Ally Brown, junior forward Sam Monson (unassisted), freshman forward Jeanette Doucette and senior Capt. Liz Roda (36 seconds into the third period).

Andover's biggest offensive guns, Maria Nasta and Becky Cairns, were used sparingly and played strictly defense.

"We wanted to keep everyone healthy for the tournament – and we also did not want to embarrass Algonquin by putting a lot of goals up on the board," explained coach McCarthy.

"A number of players that sat patiently for much of the season got a well-deserved chance at some quality ice time."

Freshman forward Heather Paonessa passed out two assists and Trish Martin added one.

Freshman Rachel Bergin went the route in net, missing the shutout when Chelsea Campbell notched the Tomahawks' lone goal at 6:07 of the final period.

Bergin made 10 saves as Andover finished with a 32-11 shooting edge.

There were no penalties whistled against either team.

The MNL rivals met earlier this year with AHS crushing Algonquin, 9-0, on December 28.

Austin Prep 4 Andover 1

The host Cougars outshot the locals in every period, and by a wide 49-19 margin for the game, but it wasn't until the final stanza that Austin was able to gain some breathing room with a pair of insurance goals in the non-leaguer at Stoneham Arena.

AHS, held to one goal for just the third time this winter, fell behind 2-0 before Maria Nasta tallied her 35th goal of the season at 13:31 of the second period with the assist to Becky Cairns.

Austin, however, responded with 19 shots and two goals in the third period by Lauren Dupuis (2:58) and Alexa Hingston (unassisted).

Christina Cahill played most of the game in the Andover net, halting 36 of 40 shots, and then freshman Megan Pettoruto halted all nine shots she faced in the closing minutes.

Candice Ellis (9:51) and Kirsten Labbe (13:05) notched the first two Cougars' goals.

Once-beaten Division 1 power Austin (16-1-1) suffered its only loss against St. Mary's of Lynn (2-0).

BOYS ICE HOCKEY

The Andover High boys varsity ice hockey team snapped a two-game losing streak with a pair of strong outings, battling Division 1 Chelmsford to a 2-2 tie and avenging an earlier loss with a 3-1 victory over Merrimack Valley/Dual County League Division 2 rival Tewksbury.

Those results left head coach Mario Martiniello's crew at 12-5-2 overall and 6-3 in the league, as the locals inched one point ahead of Tewksbury into second place in MV/DCL 2.

AHS should head into the upcoming MIAA Division 2 North Tournament, which begins early next week, in a good frame of mind.

Andover has three shutouts, has held seven opponents to one goal and six others to two while maintaining a wide 73-33 overall scoring edge.

Schedule

AHS wrapped up the regular season against MV/DCL 2 foe Methuen last night (Wednesday), after *Townsmen* presstime, at the Valley Forum in Lawrence.

MIAA pairings

Pairings for the Division 2 North Tournament are scheduled to be

drawn this Saturday, and play in the single-elimination event could begin as early as Sunday or Monday.

Scoring leaders

After 19 games senior first-line center and Capt. Matt Colby led the AHS point parade with 15 goals and 19 assists for 34 points.

A.J. Drivas had 12 goals and 17 assists, followed by Tucker Mullin with 10 goals and 12 assists, John Hyslip seven goals and 10 assists, Austin Gilbert eight goals, five assists and Joe Benedix three goals, 10 assists.

Andover 2 Chelmsford 2

Most of the scoring came early as the Golden Warriors continued their mastery over Division 1 opponents.

"We've done very well against D-1 schools this season," said coach Martiniello. "We beat Billerica (6-1), Central Catholic (4-2) and Salem, N.H. (3-1), lost to Duxbury (6-2) and tied Chelmsford and Pinkerton Academy (1-1)."

Andover netted both its goals in the first period, after Josh Andrews gave Chelmsford a 1-0 lead with an unassisted goal at 5:49 of the stanza.

Mike Lamagna tied it just 30 seconds later (6:19), with assists to Austin Gilbert and Colin Brennan, before Phil Kim made it 2-1 with setups to Tucker Mullin and Joe Benedix.

Sean Coleman re-knotted it for Chelmsford on the power play at 10:07 of the second frame, and it stayed that way through the final scoreless 20 minutes.

Dan Abreu made 13 saves in the Andover net, and Brad Pomerleau 19 for the Lions, as AHS finished with a 21-15 shooting edge including 9-6 in the first period and 7-3 in the third.

Andover 3 Tewksbury 1

The Golden Warriors, avenging a 4-2 loss to TMHS at home on Jan. 21, turned the tables as goalie Dan Abreu made 14 saves and single goals were scored by Tucker Mullin, Mike Lamagna and Matt Colby at the Janas Rink in Lowell.

Although outshot 7-3 in the first period, AHS grabbed a 1-0 lead with 44 seconds left when Mullin banged in the rebound of a Joe Benedix shot at 14:16. Colby also collected an assist.

"Just a hard-working goal where everyone involved kept plugging away until something good happened," said coach Martiniello.

"Tewksbury took the play to us in the period – but (goaltender Dan) Abreu held them off until we were able to score."

Lamagna remained hot on offense with his eventual game-winning goal 31 seconds into the middle period, assisted by Austin Gilbert, to make it 2-0.

Matt Colby broke out of a brief goalscoring slump with the insurance tally at 5:53 of the third. Senior defenseman Greg Carroll notched the assist.

Skating down the right-wing lane, Colby uncorked a hard shot from the top of the faceoff circle that beat Redmen goalie Bill Stuart to the far side.

Tewksbury got on the board – ruining Abreu's shutout bid – when Scott Capraro connected on the power play with less than six minutes remaining.

"We played better in the second period and really came together in the third," said Martiniello.

Andover outshot the home team, 20-15, including 9-5 in the third session.

BOYS SWIM & DIVE

The Andover High boys swim and dive team chalked up 74 points on the way to a 7th-place finish in a

25-school field at the MIAA Boys North Sectional Championship Meet held at Northeastern University in Boston.

Strong individual performances by Peter Saunders, Christian Bishop and Rob Medaglio led the way for the Merrimack Valley Conference dual-meet co-champs, undefeated during the regular season at 9-0-1 overall and 3-0-1 in the MVC.

St. John's Prep of Danvers won the North title with 271 points, while perennial power Weston settled for second with 240 points despite sweeping all three relays and finishing first in eight of the 12 events.

Also ahead of AHS were Acton-Boxboro (115), Lexington (92), Hamilton-Wenham (85) and Wayland (83).

"We had some solid performances across the board," said Andover head coach Mark Taffe, "including a number of personal-best swims."

The Golden Warriors' could have finished two or three places higher, but their cause was hurt when it was learned freshman sensation Nick D'Innocenzo – a consistent double event winner and undefeated in dual meets – would only be able to swim in relays at the Sectionals.

D'Innocenzo felt faint earlier in the week and was diagnosed with pneumonia.

Schedule

The season-ending All-State Meet is this Saturday at MIT in Cambridge (8:30 a.m.).

North Sectional Championship Meet

The top 12 in each event scored points.

Peter Saunders chalked up a team-best 3rd place in the 100 butterfly (55.30), and although he didn't score in the 50 free sprint his 15th-place time of 23.31 was a personal best.

The 400 free relay of Christian Bishop, Rob Medaglio, Saunders and anchorman Nick D'Innocenzo picked up 22 points by taking 4th in 3:26.26.

Bishop was 5th in the 500 free with a personal-best 5:02.74, and Medaglio placed 10th in the same race with a personal-best 5:08.27.

The locals picked up 20 points with a 5th-place finish in the opening 200 medley relay as Dave Espindle, D'Innocenzo, Saunders and Medaglio touched in 1:45.88.

Bishop was 8th and Medaglio 11th in the 200 free, both with personal-best times of 1:52.43 and 1:53.21 respectively.

Es spindle racked up 16th in the 100 backstroke (58.96) and Peter Li was 27th (1:02.04).

Li also finished 23rd in the 100 free (53.70) and Espindle was 25th in the 200 IM (2:16.17).

Zach Hamer swam two races, placing 20th in the 100 breaststroke (state-cut 1:07.90) and 27th in the 200 IM (2:17.55).

Tim Russell was 25th in the 100 breast (1:08.79).

ANDOVER SCORING

BOYS HOCKEY (19 games)

	G	A	Pts
Matt Colby	15	19	34
A.J. Drivas	12	17	29
Tucker Mullin	10	13	23
John Hyslip	7	10	17
Austin Gilbert	8	6	14
Joe Benedix	3	11	14
Mike Lamagna	6	5	11
Phil Kim	5	3	8
Dan Godefroi	1	7	8
Colin Brennan	1	5	6
Riki Retelle	0	5	5
Andrew Gatti	2	2	4
P.J. Paonessa	2	2	4
Greg Carroll	1	3	4

Hat Tricks: Matt Colby 1, A.J. Drivas 1.

Shutouts: Dan Abreu 3.

GIRLS HOCKEY (20 games)

	G	A	Pts
Maria Nasta	35	11	46
Becky Cairns	16	14	30

Hat Tricks: Maria Nasta 7, Kirsten Costagliola 1.

Shutouts: Christina Cahill 6.

BOYS GYMNASTICS

The Andover High boys gymnastics team capped its 2006 season by competing in the annual State Team Championship Meet at Attleboro High.

AHS was seeded 7th behind No. 1 Braintree, No. 2 Newton North/South, No. 3 Burlington, No. 4 host Attleboro, No. 5 Lowell coached by Andover's Steve Sirois and No. 6 Revere.

The Golden Warriors finished seventh with 117.70 points.

Senior Seth Putnam concluded his fine AHS career by placing 10th in the all-around competition with a 31.95 score for the six events.

Coach Jack Gleason's squad fared best in the vault where junior Rob Tornatore posted an 8.15, freshman Billy Mara an 8.0 and sophomore Aaron Davidovits an 8.0.

Putnam was team-high scorer on pommel horse (4.75), parallel bars (4.6) and high bar (4.4), while he also chalked up a 6.8 in floor exercise.

Senior John Chang was tops in floor with a 7.0 and Tornatore contributed a 4.4 on rings.

Braintree High won its fourth straight state team title with 183.00 points, while the Wamps' Dave Ellis captured the individual state all-around championship with a 55.1 score.

ALPINE SKI

The annual All-State Alpine Ski Championship Meet is scheduled for next Wednesday, March 1 at Wachusett Mountain in Princeton.

Both Andover teams have qualified.

SPORTS TALK

By Rick Harrison

This column is published periodically in the *Townsmen*. Information may be mailed to the office at 33 Chestnut St., Andover, 01810; or faxed to 978-470-2819.

Steve Seero and Christine Sullivan of Andover have been named to the Assumption College Student-Athlete Honor Roll for the 2005 fall semester.

Seero, a junior attackman on the men's lacrosse team, earned a Director's Citation presented to those with a 3.5 or higher grade point average.

Sullivan, who graduated from Central Catholic, is a senior defensive specialist on the Greyhounds women's volleyball team.

Bruno Zanotti, a former Andover High basketball standout, is playing well this winter as a senior forward on the Merrimack College men's hoop team.

In a 102-92 overtime victory against host Southern Connecticut State University in New Haven, Zanotti (native of Asuncion, Paraguay) scored a team-high 24 points by hitting 8-of-17 floor shots and 8-for-11 at the free throw line.

In an 86-84 overtime loss to host Le Moyne College in Syracuse, N.Y., Zanotti was one of five Warriors in double figures with 15 points while he also pulled down eight rebounds.

Jackie Maye of Andover, a sophomore diver on the Trinity College women's swim and dive team, placed second in the season-opening meet at Tufts University.

Maye registered 150.52 points off the one-meter board.



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Italians call Turin by its Italian name, Torino. Torino means "little bull" in Italian. A bull is on the city's coat of arms.

About 2,100 years ago, Roman soldiers founded a military camp called

Castra Taurinorum. The Roman street grid can still be seen today.

Then, about 5,000 people lived within the walls of Turin. Today nearly a million people call the city home.

During the 1800s Turin leaders worked to unify the small states on the Italian peninsula into one country.

Their efforts were rewarded when Turin became the capital of Italy in 1861. Four years later the capital was moved to Florence. In 1870 it went to Rome, where the national government is today.

Turin leaders then turned to industry. The city has been a manufacturing center for Italy ever since. The most famous company from Turin is Fiat, a car manufacturer. Fiat used to have the largest car factory in the world in Turin. A test racetrack was on the roof.

Turin is also known for its shroud, kept at the Cathedral of St. John the Baptist. The Shroud of Turin is a linen cloth with an imprint of a man on it. Some people believe that the person is Jesus Christ. They believe that he was wrapped in the cloth following his death.

We can also thank Turin for chocolate. The solid version we all love to eat today was invented there during the 1700s. Lots of chocolate is made there still today.

The winter Olympics are not the only games Turin is famous for. Two of Europe's most popular soccer teams, Torino F.C. and Juventus, are based there.

Soccer is the most popular sport in Europe.



An equestrian statue of Emanuele Filiberto, Duke of Savoy, graces the Piazza San Carlo in Turin, Italy, site of the winter games.

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Spacious 1 bedroom condominiums available with rent to buy option. \$595/mo. Call 978-371-1600.

HAVERHILL, MA Riverside spectacular 2 bedroom townhouse for rent. Win Residential Management Co. is taking applications. Call: Paul L. Lavoie, 617-881-1111.

LAWRENCE, MA 1-3 bedroom, 1 bathroom for rent. Call: 978-682-1111.

PROSPECT HILL, MA 1 bedroom, available now! Off street parking, 1st & security. Call: 978-251-1111.

LOWELL, SO. MA - Delmont Gardens Trust, minutes from I-93. 2, 3, 4 Studios 1 bedroom, fully furnished. Call: 978-451-1111.

Studio, new hardwood floors, remodeled 2 bedroom in Red Tavern area, hardwood, gas, \$1,050 - utilities, won't last! Call: 978-684-0009.

NEWBURYPORT, MA - 1 bedroom, 1st floor, completely rehabbed, new kitchen, \$850. Call: 978-251-1111.

NEWBURYPORT, MA studio apartment \$700 1 bedroom \$850. Call: 978-251-1111.

REARPORT, MA Large studio apartment in nice area, large utilities. Call: Lisa, 978-745-8222. leave message.

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LAWRENCE, MA-3 bedrooms. Insured Circle Security Inc. calling: 603-894-1616.
LYNN, MA: Swampscott line, 5 room, 2 bedroom, 1st floor, newly renovated, basement, new vinyl floors, A/C, parking! 990-7-61529-0950.
MERRIMACK, MA: Includes Merrimack brand new 2 bedroom apartment, washer/dryer, storage, dishwasher \$12000. Min! Available now. 978-725-0915; 617-835-3919.
LOWELL/METHUEN, MA: 2 bedroom, laundry hookups. 978-683-8074
STATE STREET PROPERTIES
 ing/Pets Ist & Last \$950
 NO. ANDOVER MA - 4 room
 SALEMAN, MA: 2 bedroom with

OFFICE OF THE BOARD OF APPEALS
NOTICE OF HEARING
Notice is hereby given that a public hearing will take place at the following address:
TOWN OF ANDOVER PLANNING BOARD
MAJULIA, MA bedroom & studio on private ave., features hardwood floor, wall/wall fireplace, turret windows.
Call Ann Marie at RA-9850-\$1200 per mo.
At Ann Marie at Call/AM Preferred

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NOTICE OF HEARING
MEIHUEN & LAWRENCE MEIHUEN, MA Lowell St. Huge, completely renovated 2 bedrooms. Hardwood floors, fenced yard, orch. 2
Call 978-462-7032
NEWBURYPORT, MA In like new townhouse on park like lot.

dishwasher, hook-ups, parking, yard, sun, dog, no pets/no utilities \$1100. 617-201-2354.

ROCKPORT/GLOUCESTER, MA
Houses & apartments for rent!
SALEM, MA - 3 bedroom house, 2nd yr. call 978-462-7032
SALEM, MA - 3 bedroom windows, upsides, big plus utilities. 978-744-9059

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Smith c/o Roland Belanger located at 167 Greenwood Road, more

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JANUARY PLANNING
8 p.m., Monday through Friday.

Dr. Douglas M. Dunbar,
Chairman, Andover

BY:
Newburyport, MA Downtown
bedroom apartments
Pearby, MA bedroom.
parking no smoke/pets: \$800
mo. + Evcs. 978-531-7240.
rent. No pets 978-283-2373

SALEM, MA, Essex St.,
Bedroom, 2nd floor, heat

**NOTICE OF MORTGAGEE'S
SALE OF REAL ESTATE**

By virtue and in execution of the Power of Sale contained in a certain mort-

sor Map 42 as Lot 35.
Daniel S. Casper,
Chairman, Board of

shown on town Assess-
ment Map 2 as Lot 62.
Daniel S. Casper,

**OFFICE OF THE
BOARD OF APPEALS
NOTICE OF HEARING**

Heat & hot water included:
Small pets OK. \$900/mo. Call
Harbor Properties 603-488-9766

pet ok \$850/mo. 781-249-4501

**PEABODY, MA - 2 Bedroom,
2nd Floor \$900 + Utilities**

SALEM, MA - immaculate 2+ bedroom, big private deck, \$900/mo.

● Great Downtown 2 bedroom townhouse...\$1100/mo.

2006 at 7:00 P.M. on the petition of Thomas O'Donnell, 27 Magnolia Ave., Boston, MA 02118, to the

SOUTHWESTERLY by Cardinal Lane, 350.37 feet; **WESTERLY**, the curve forming the junction of Cardinal Lane and Dascorbo Road, by two lines, 26.18 feet and 9.76 feet; **NORTHEASTERLY**: by land of Frederick Reed and land of SALEM, MA 1 bedroom 2nd floor \$825. coin-op. walk to town/train, 1 month FREE

(Northern District) Registry of Deeds in Book 5111, Page 2.
These premises will be sold and conveyed subject to and with the benefit of all rights, rights of way, restrictions, easements, right of ways, covenants, liens or

If you are entitled to the benefits of the Servicemembers Civil Relief Act and you object to such foreclosure you or your attorney should file a written

Chairman, Board of Appeals
Room, Andover Town
Offices, 36 Bartlett Street.
Upon completion of the

AT - 2/16, 2/23/06

A public hearing will be held at THE HALL, 2ND FLOOR, MEMORIAL HALL, ANDOVER, MA 01810, on 2/23/06 at 5:25PM. Near T/W/Har. Heat & hot water included. No pets. OceanStone Assoc., 888-272-1451

tenance. Photo ID required. Furnished available. 866-796-7687

the time and place of sale. The balance is to be paid by certified or bank check at **ABLITT & CHARLTON, P.C.**, 92 Montvale Avenue, Suite 2950, Stoneham, MA 02180; other terms and conditions will be provided at the place of sale. The

Recorder
COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS
THE TRIAL COURT
PROBATE AND

AT - 2/23/2006

LEGAL NOTICE

TOWN OF ANDOVER
P.O. Box 494, Middle-
bury, VT for a modifica-
tion of Decision No. 55 by

Notice is hereby given
that said public hearing will
be held on Tuesday, March 14, 2006 at 6:00 PM at the Town of Andover
Planning Board
bedroom, 2nd floor,
baths, hardwoods, hook-
up, parking. Close to train &
820/414-1733 ext 1077

AT - 2/16, 2/23, 3/2/06

NOTICE OF MORTGAGEE'S SALE OF REAL ESTATE
By virtue and in execution of the Power of Sale contained in a certain mort-

at the mortgaged premises, more particularly described below, all and singular the premises described in said mortgage, to wit:

To all persons interested in the above captioned estate, a petition

NOTICE OF PETITION FOR PROBATE OF WILL

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS

Assessor's Map 130. The application may be examined in the Planning Department of the City of Boston, at the City Hall, Room 1000, on or before the 10th day of May, 1994, at which time and place any person may object to the construction of a bank that

premises located at 30 Juniper Road, Andover, MA 01810, all and singular the premises described in said mortgage. TO WIT:

A certain parcel of land with the buildings thereon, situated in said Andover County, Massachusetts, and being more particularly described as follows, to-wit:

SOUTHWESTERLY by Glen Meadow Road, 150 feet;

NORTHWESTERLY by Lot 4, 238.28 feet;

WESTERLY by the County of Essex, the

decendent be proved and allowed, and that ALDENE F. LARGE of Essex County, Massachusetts, the

FRANCIS J. HILL
AKA
FRANCIS J. HILL JR

AT - 2/23, 3/2/2006

as Lot 10.

Daniel S. Cas
Chairman, Board

Subject to mortgage recorded in Book 6377, Page 211.

These premises will be sold and conveyed subject to and with the benefit of all rights, rights of way, restrictions, easements, right of ways, covenants, liens or claims in the nature of liens, improvements, public assessments, any and all encumbrances thereon after said sale.

Terms of the sale: Cash, cashier's check, or certified check in the sum of Five Thousand Dollars

In addition, you must file a **written affidavit** of objections to the petition.

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2006 administrator of said estate to serve with personal surety.

0.03 of the colony by-law. Said application is associated with the development of a 1000 lot subdivision.

petition of V. Scott lansbee, P.O. box 396 Andover, MA for

bank check at **ABLITT & CHARLTON, P.C.**, 92 Montvale Avenue, Suite 2950, Stoneman, MA 02180, other terms and conditions will be provided at the place of sale. The description of the premises contained in said mortgage shall control.

32 Main Street, Suite 200,
 Stoneham, MA 02180.
 (781) 246-8995. Dated: 1/23/2006
 4117 02182/DeniseHarris/02182006/0218186
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SMA Rentals NH

SALEM, MA - One bedroom \$750 +; Historic Cottage, close to train and beach. Parking, laundry, renovated. Mike. 781-933-0119.

SALEM MA Prescott St. Large 5 room, 2 bedroom to fully updated, hardwood floors. Eat-in kitchen, new appliances walk to train town. \$1200. Call Arrijo Realtors 978-745-7300. pics @ www.ateamre.com

SALEM, MA-Renovated 3 bedroom apartments, hardwoods, convenient location. \$1100-\$1400/mo. Heated. 617-413-1922

SALEM, MA Studio, 1 & 5 bedrooms, updated, coin-op, parking, near train/college. Home + utilities. \$595-\$795/mo + utilities. 978-745-7288

SALEM, MA Sunny 1 bedroom apartment on 2nd floor. Off street parking. \$800 + utilities. No pets or smoking. 978-446-7103

SALEM MA SWAMPSCOTT 14 room heated apartments, parking. From... \$695-\$1500. 978-745-6518; 617-285-7258

SALEM, MA - Ultra modern 1 bedroom... \$800 • 2 bedrooms, semi modern, new appliances. Starting at \$750. 978-697-9000

SALEM, MA-Upper Essex St. studio, historic building, convenient location, parking, heated water included. \$750. Available now. 978-745-2707

SALISBURY BEACH, MA - 1 bedroom unit. Across from ocean. Parking. Available immediately. \$800. No utilities. 978-462-4529

SALISBURY BEACH, MA - Two 2 bedroom apartments, brand new, 1 block to water, pets ok, \$750/mo. & \$925/mo. Call 978-374-4018

Salisbury, MA, spacious 2 bedroom, condo, close to hookups, modern. Walk to beach. \$1100. Pets negotiable. Call Advantage 978-388-9890

SALISBURY, MA - Square, 3 bedrooms, 3 rooms, quiet, off street parking. No pets, no smoking. \$950/mo. Includes heat, hot water, electric. Call Grace 978-465-6655

SALISBURY SQUARE, MA - 2 bedroom efficiency, on 2nd floor. No pets. \$625 + 1st, last & security. 603-474-0622

SENIORS: Salem, Peabody, Danvers, Beverly, Clean, quiet, affordable. Social activities. Small pets ok. 978-744-7535 EHO

TOPSFIELD, MA 2 bedroom, 2nd floor at Colonial house, hookups, fireplace, park to town, pet ok/smoke free. \$1000/mo+utilities 978-273-7234

TOPSFIELD, MA: 2 bedroom + den/clo, spiffy, quiet, charming, laundry, parking, close to Rte. 195. \$1100 +. Available now. 978-380-6126

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★HAMPTON, N.H.★
Ode Hampton Village & Hampton Arms
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Super Special!

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First Month's Rent FREE
FREE Heat and Hot Water
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Two Bedrooms start @ \$895
AC, dishwasher, storage, laundry, close to I-95.
CALL TODAY!
www.peasumg1.com

DANVILLE, NH: Townhouse style 4 room 1 bedroom + loft overlooks 100 acres meadow. No dogs. \$875 + utilities. 978-771-3356

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WINTER OR YEAR ROUND 1 & 2 bedroom Kitchens \$700 mo. & up All utilities

603-781-3007

KINGSTON, NH quiet 2 bedroom, appliances, hot water/heated, parking, storage. \$950/mo. 978-374-8480

MANCHESTER, NH: 23 bedrooms, \$1050. Londonderry 2 bedroom \$1100. Call 978-697-9000

SALEM, NH - 1 bedroom, 3rd floor with new A/C, wall to wall, fresh paint, renovated bath, balcony. \$875 heat included. No dogs. 978-884-8983

SALEM, NH 2 & 3 bedrooms FREE HEAT 978-423-3445

SALEM, NH: • 3 BEDROOMS \$1200 • 1 BEDROOMS \$800 All units are freshly painted with parking. 603-234-2598

SALEM, NH - 55 + over, 2 bedrooms, recently remodeled, new appliances, light & bright. Small, quiet complex. \$950/mo. Free heat & hot water. No pets. Call 603-898-1086

SALEM, NH BROOK VILLAGE WEST is currently offering spacious 1 & 2 bedroom apartments that feature wall-to-wall carpeting & totally equipped kitchens, pool, ample parking & a great location, only 35 minutes to Boston, 1 bedroom from \$895, 2 bedroom from \$995, including heat & hot water. \$950/mo. Security deposit negotiable for qualified applicants. Pets welcome restrictions apply. Directions: Take I-93 to exit 1, turn right on Rte. 28, take next right on Rte. Brook Village is 3rd left. Office open Mon-Sat 10:00-7:00. 603-893-1100

SALEM, NH: Lancelot 1 bedroom, 3 room, heat, hot water, cooking included \$850. Rental Realty 978-975-3713

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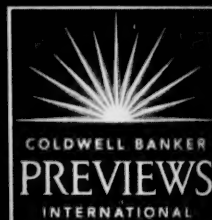
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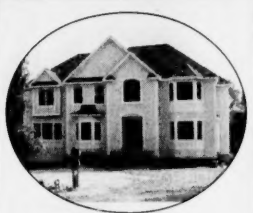
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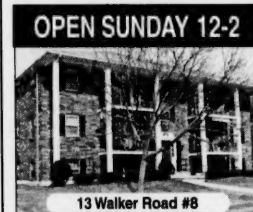
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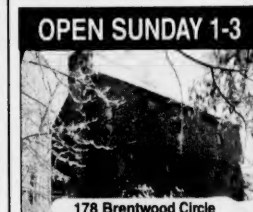


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WEST MIDDLE SCHOOL

Sexy clothing – when is it too much?

By Colin Steele

It's an argument between parents and kids that has raged for decades. But, for at least some people, it seems as if the argument is starting at younger and younger ages: Just what is appropriate for kids to wear to school?

At West Middle School, the issue came to head on Valentine's Day.

When a group of girls wore matching outfits including short jean skirts to Andover's West Middle School, "you could not help but go, 'Whoa,'" Principal Denise Holmes recalled. "This one girl had the cutest pink underwear on. I shouldn't have known that."

By lunchtime, Holmes had sent a letter to parents on the school's e-mail list, telling them students should keep their miniskirts and low-riding pants in their closets.

"We don't want to be the 'fashion police,'" she wrote. "Nor do we want

to start 'clothing wars' with kids or with their parents. We just want to be sure that we have a positive school environment."

Most parents supported the move, agreeing that revealing clothing at the middle-school level is a distraction. Holmes received just one negative response to her e-mail from a parent. She and other area educators blamed fashion designers and the media for what they said is an accelerating trend toward children wearing sexier clothing at younger ages.

"It's society in general," said Patrick Bucco, principal of Andover's Wood Hill Middle School. "If you walk into a mall and see what's for sale, even if kids want to dress down, there doesn't seem to be as much to choose from as they used to be. But that said, we're still a school. We're here to learn. We're not here to be fashion models."

Sharon Fahy's two sons attend grades seven and eight at Andover's West Middle.

"Kids are dressing inappropriately, especially for school," she said. "If it was me, and my child wanted to dress like that, I'd do something about it."

Fahy's sons don't wear their pants low, but they notice when female classmates dress provocatively. The onset of puberty in many middle school boys can make such clothing especially distracting, because "it's a lot of testosterone," she said.

Girls are guilty of breaking the dress code more often, and short skirts are the most popular offenders, said Katja Grober, a West Middle sixth-grader. Grober's mother, Thea Shapiro, has taught her to dress appropriately as a sign of self-respect.

"The way that clothing is designed for girls plays into girls not being looked at as intelligent or interesting," Shapiro said. "It's over-sexualizing. Girls are taught first to be sexualized, and ultimately it's going to hold them back."

The amount of clothes that middle-school students wear has been dwindling for about the past five years,

principals said. It's part of an overall increase in children wanting to appear older than they are.

The *Townsmen* did an article on skimpy clothing at Andover High School last year. Several teachers said they believed students should dress more conservatively to project a better image, but some students said they expected to be judged on who they were, not how they dressed.

"We (AHS) have a dress code keeping with what the state allows. It must be clean and neat, can't be a distraction, and can't pose a safety issue," said AHS Principal Peter Anderson this week. "We have from time to time been forced to pull students aside and send them home."

"We try to tell students that you need to look at the message you're sending by the way you dress."

Andover does not have a districtwide dress code, leaving policies up to each school individually.

North Andover does not have a districtwide dress code either. Superintendent Harry Harutunian has not noticed more middle school students wearing short skirts or low-riding pants recently, and the issue is not one of his priorities, he said. When Haverhill students violate Whittier's dress code, the school calls parents and asks them to bring more appropriate clothing for their children.

"We don't have a townwide policy. The code is supposed to be appropriate so that dress is not a distraction," said Art Barber, Andover School Committee member. "People haven't been up in arms about the situation at West. We haven't been receiving any angry emails or phone calls from parents."

I think at some point it's going to have to start emanating from the state level. The state needs to take a stronger position. No school system is going to put themselves in contradiction with the DEP, or state law," said Anderson.

Brian Davidson contributed to this report.

THE BACK PAGE

Peter Arthur: A loss that can't be replaced

■ COLUMN

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found all the hours. Principal Peter Anderson said many fine things about Arthur, but what will stay with me is Anderson's use of the word "meticulous" when describing Arthur's preparation for class.

In the Feb. 9 *Townsmen*, Rick Harrison, who knew Peter Arthur as a boy and then as a man, described the 13-year-old Arthur as being "respectful with a certain resolve and determination...." Harrison said that Arthur wasn't the most talented baseball player on the field but he absorbed knowledge from his coaches right through college. In fact, he absorbed so much and worked so hard at being a baseball player that he became one of the best pitchers in Drew University's history and was the last one to throw a no-hitter. In the last three years of his life, Arthur became an overnight sensation in high school coaching at Westford Academy, leading a Boston newspaper columnist to say that Arthur was "on a fast track to stardom in the coaching business."

In an exquisitely written letter, Jeff Ashworth, who once observed Arthur coaching soccer in Andover, said: "As I turned to leave, I heard the deep voice of a man firing instructions towards the field while seamlessly laughing and conversing with others who came to say, 'Hi!' I had to look. At one glance, I knew this man. I saw the way his players responded to his commands – how it seemed they wanted to perform for him, not had to. I saw a kind, respected per-

son, loved and admired alike by his peers and those of both younger and older generations. And, of course, I saw an athlete and coach doing what he loved to do. We headed home without knowing his name, but for some reason I packed him along and, somewhere, stored him away 'upstairs.'"

My own kids finished Andover High School before Arthur started teaching. My grandchildren will never have Arthur as a teacher. And that is what is most tragic for the town: that thousands of children will never be influenced by Peter Arthur. They will not hear him sing in class or wear funny costumes in order to help them learn; they will not be taught by him that they should help those most in need; they will not learn to love history from him; they will not have him as a mentor or guidestar.

Yet, we must remember the good thing, the thing that the *Townsmen* editorial observed: "His message and his life will continue through the lives of the hundreds, perhaps thousands, of students who carry [his] lessons with them."

In the online guest book a freshman at the high school said that "Mr. Arthur had a love for history, a love for teaching, and a love for his family. He was always saying how much he loved his son Jeffrey and how he was 'the cutest thing ever.'"

As Peter Arthur was so fond of saying: Make the right choices. Memorial contributions may be made for Arthur's son's education to the Jeffrey Arthur Education Fund, TD Banknorth, 61 Main St., Andover, MA 01810.

West Middle School Dress Code

• "It is expected that you will exhibit good taste, good grooming, neatness and modesty, and thus dress appropriately for school. Our intent is students' dress and grooming will contribute toward a positive learning environment."

• "The school administration has the final decision on the appropriateness of dress for school. We cannot allow clothing to be worn that is disruptive to the educational process. Most middle school students have good common sense, so it should not be difficult for any of you, especially with the help of your parents, to realize that there are appropriate clothes for jogging or for the beach, which are not appropriate in school. In no case should you wear clothing displaying inappropriate language, advertising drugs, cigarettes, alcohol, or expressing inappropriate negative messages."

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